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THE WEATHER

Fair.

Fair and warmer weather today and rain or snow for tomorrow, is the Washington forecast for Pittsburgh and vicinity. The maximum temperature yesterday was 30 and the minimum 23 degrees. Yesterday was the shortest day of the year. The sun rose cloudy at 7:43 and set cloudy at 4:56 yesterday. The daily report, furnished by the local weather office, follows:

Time.	Baro.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m....	30.24	23	71	W.	Cloudy.
8 p. m....	30.46	27	76	S.W.	Clear.

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 21:

	1904	1903		1904	1903
Maximum ..	30	42	Mean	26	36
Minimum ..	23	31	Precipitation .	T.	T.

Nor. temp. 31 yrs.. 35	Nor. precip. 31 yrs. .09
Dfcy. for day 9	Dfcy. since Jan. 1..1.14
Dfcy. since Dec. 1.161	Dfcy. since Jan. 1..8.62
Dfcy. since Jan. 1..949	

Official Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Forecast:

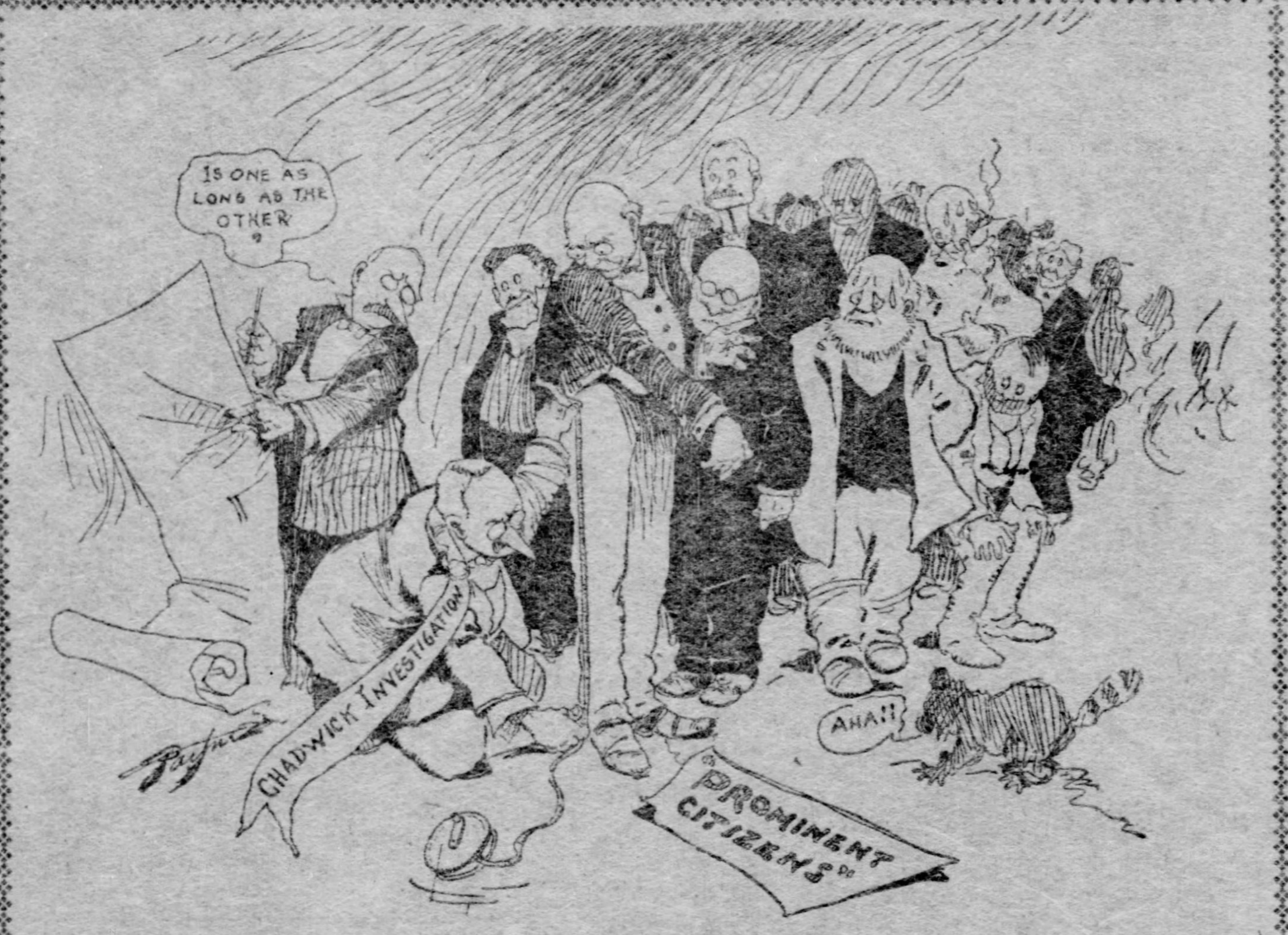
Western Pennsylvania and Ohio—Fair Thursday, with rising temperature; Friday rain or snow, light variable winds, becoming south.

West Virginia—Fair and warmer Thursday; Friday rain or snow.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 p. m.:

Cairo	42	Clear	Cincinnati ...	28	Clear
Memphis	56	Clear	Chicago	28	Cloudy
Vicksburg ..	60	Clear	Indianapolis .	28	Cloudy
El Paso	52	PtCldy	Nashville	40	Clear
Buffalo	22	Cloudy	Washington .	30	Clear
Omaha	44	Clear	Kansas City	44	Clear
Duluth	20	Snow	St. Louis....	38	Clear
St. Paul....	30	Clear	Louisville ...	32	Clear
Helena	42	Cloudy	Philadelphia	26	Clear
Huron	36	PtCldy	New York ...	22	Clear
Denver	54	PtCldy	New Orleans	54	Clear

When in New York stop at Gregorian hotel, 35th street West, near 5th avenue



When They Reach Pittsburgh.

SECOND CHURCH TO BUY TEMPLE

Accept Offer of Trustees of Reform Congregation Rodeph Shalom.

THEY WANT $150,000

Jewish Congregation Plans to Build New Edifice in the East End.

HOTEL BOYER IS TO BE SOLD

At a congregational meeting of the Second Presbyterian church last night in the Reformed Presbyterian church, Eighth street, 120 members of the congregation voted unanimously for the purchase of the temple of the Reform Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Eighth street, between Duquesne way and Penn avenue, for $150,000. The terms of the sale are for an immediate payment of $30,000 as soon as the Jewish congregation approves the sales and the final payment of $120,000 at the discretion of the congregation of the Second Presbyterian church.

It was further resolved to sell the Hotel Boyer site, now the property of the Second Presbyterian church, and for which, the trustees announced, they had been offered a substantial advance over the $200,000 they paid for it last summer.

During the meeting the trustees reported they had under consideration several other options, prominent among which was the old St. Andrew's church site in Ninth street. While the Rev. Drs. S. Edward Young and J. Leonard Levy had discussed the deal which has practically gone through for the past year and a half, final terms were not reached until a week ago.

Want to Build in East End.

A meeting of the Jewish congregation will be held next Tuesday evening, when the offer made by the trustees, and accepted by the Second church, will be submitted for approval. It is the desire of a large portion of the Jewish congregation to build a new church in the East End, and if the offer of the Second church is accepted the temple will be vacated by February 1.

Five years ago the Jewish congregation had but five members living east of the court house, while today 179 families reside in the East End. This in consideration and also the fact that every pew in the temple has been sold for some time, making a larger building necessary, aroused a sentiment for removal. The congregation is divided between locating in the Baum Grove, Highland park or Squirrel Hill districts.

The offer made by the trustees of the congregation Rodeph Shalom to the Second church included all the property now in the temple, excepting such articles as have been gifts to the congregation. If the sale is finally ratified the organ, pews and all furniture now in the temple proper and Sunday school rooms, will go with the property. The memorial windows and candelabras, which were gifts, will be removed.

Will Improve the Synagogue.

The synagogue was dedicated on September 6, 1901, the day of the shooting of President McKinley, and with its furnishings cost the Jewish congregation $90,000. The main building fronts 80 feet in Eighth street and is 90 feet deep. It has an addition 70x40 feet in the rear, which is four stories high and includes meeting and committee rooms.

If the deal is finally consummated, and there seems little doubt but that it will be, the congregation of the Second church proposes extensive improvements to the property. These improvements, it is thought, will be fully covered by the advance in price which the church expects for the Hotel Boyer property. As this investment stood the congregation $250,000 and as the old church in Penn avenue and Seventh street was sold for $500,000 net, according to Dr. Young last night, and endowment fund of $350,000 will be established by the church after the Eighth street temple is paid for.

Should the offer of the Second church be accepted at the congregational meeting of the temple next Tuesday evening, it is the intention of the board of trustees to ask for the appointment of a committee to investigate available sites for a new and larger temple in the three districts named, which committee is to report back to the congregation before any property is purchased.

Passed Resolutions.

Following the approval of the offer of the trustees of the temple and a resolution to sell the Hotel Boyer property to the best advantage the congregation of the Second Presbyterian church voted favorably on these resolutions specifying improvements on the synagogue property should it be secured:

Resolved, That whatever sum is necessary shall be appropriated to the making of suitable Sabbath school rooms under the supervision of the following committee: Edwin S. Gray and one person elected by ballot by the main Sabbath school, one by the primary department, one by the Chinese department, one each by the adult Bible classes, one by the Christian Endeavor society and one by the congregation present at next Wednesday evening's general prayer meeting, a majority of the trustees approving the plans.

Resolved, That whatever sum is necessary be appropriated for the construction of a chorus gallery under the supervision of the following committee: Tali Esen Morgan and one member elected by ballot by the chorus, one by the session, one by the deacons and one by the ushers' union; a majority of the trustees approving the plans.

Resolved, That whatever sum is necessary be appropriated for the construction of a kitchen under the supervision of the following committee: Miss Grace Sgan and one person elected by ballot by the main Sabbath school, one by the missionary society, one by the young men's league and one by the congregation present at next Wednesday evening's general prayer meeting; a majority of the trustees approving the plans.

Resolved, That $5,000 be appropriated for services outside the church this coming year, including the extra expenses of Sabbath night services in the Nixon theater after April 1. This entire sum to be expended under the supervision of the pastor.

PUT MEN'S FUND INTO OFFICERS' CLUB HOUSE

Authorities on Governors Island Are Charged With Misappropriation.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A sensation was sprung in local army circles today when it became known that Governor's Island had been secretly "investigated" by a committee with a Washington commission, and that several officers stationed there might be compelled to appear before a special congressional committee and explain why $40,000 appropriated by congress for the betterment of the enlisted men on the island after the abolition of the army canteen, has not been so used.

This money was used for the erection of an elaborate officers' club. The persons who were responsible for the expenditure of the money are charged by the National Temperance society of this city with misappropriating government funds. At the urgent request of a certain congressman in Washington, the Rev. Harvey Wood, secretary of the society, and a committee visited Governor's Island yesterday and found, it is said, that the enlisted men had been grievously neglected. A report is being prepared which will bring the matter to the attention of congress and the secretary of war.

LOSES HIS FINGER, BUT BRINGS TRAIN ON TIME

Engineer Sticks to His Lever While His Severed Digit Lies Before Him.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Sixty miles out from the Baltimore & Ohio station in this city Edward T. Partlett of Baltimore, engineer on the Royal Blue limited, reached for the reverse bar. Just as he did so the bar jumped out of the quadrant, and his right forefinger was caught between the reverse lever and the engineer's valve.

Before Partlett could tear his hand away the first two joints of the finger had been chopped off clean and lay before him in the tool box. With the fireman's aid he tied up the stump with waste. With the train going 60 miles an hour the two men made a rude bandage. Several times on the way up Partlett fainted, and was revived by water which the fireman threw in his face.

The engineer was game to the end, however, and brought in the train on time.

SERGEANT FAIRHILL HAD HIS POCAHONTAS

Cavalry Officer in Philippines Tells a Story of Adventure That Rivals That of Capt. John Smith.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Like the story of Pocahontas and Capt. John Smith reads the remarkable narrative of Sergt. Joseph Fairhill of the Twelfth United States cavalry, now stationed at Manila, in a letter to a cousin in this city.

Captured by the Gaddenes, an unsubdued tribe of northwestern Luzon; condemned to death as a sacrifice to a tribal god, and finally rescued by the chief's daughter, who fled with him to Manila and was there married to him after she had embraced Christianity, were but a few of the strange adventures Sergt. Fairhill says he had among the Gaddenes.

When his regiment sails for this country April 15 his bride will accompany him.

BUFFALO BILL MAY GO TO FRANCE TO LIVE

Negotiates for Former Royal Estate, and Will Abandon the Wild West and Strenuous Life.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

DENVER, COL., Dec. 21.—Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) will sail for France in February with his Wild West show, which will spend several years in France and the provinces. If he can dispose of his suit for divorce and arrange his other interests in Wyoming before that time, he will not return.

Col. Cody is not as rugged as he was, and has lived out much of his life. He is tiring of strenuous things, and is disposed to spend the remainder of his life quietly amid congenial surroundings. The old plainsman during a previous visit formed an intense liking for France. He has been negotiating for a large estate near Paris that formerly belonged to members of a royal family of France.

TREE WAS TOO LARGE.

President Will Not, Therefore, Get Odd Present from Recent Democratic Convert.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—William Flynn, a farmer, hauled a Christmas tree eight miles over the mountains of Mingo county today to an express office, where he demanded that the tree be sent to President Roosevelt. Flynn had labeled the tree: "To President Roosevelt, from a recent convert, the father of 14 children."

Flynn was intensely chagrined when the agent refused to send the tree owing to its size. Flynn had been a Democrat for nearly 60 years and voted his first Republican ticket last fall.

John L. Stewart's Obsequies.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The remains of the late John L. Stewart of Pittsburgh arrived this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and were taken direct to Bellefontaine cemetery, where final rites were said by the Rev. Dr. W. J. McKittrick of the First Presbyterian church in the presence of about 75 persons.

Glass Warehouse Burned.

PARKER, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The large warehouse at Thomas Wightman's glass factory was destroyed by fire tonight, together with a quantity of glassware. The loss is $75,000.

OFFICERS FIND MISSING TRUNK

Mrs. Chadwick's Papers Taken to Florida by Her Sister.

HUSBAND TESTIFIES

Brother-in-Law of Prisoner Tells How He Removed the Baggage.

SATCHEL ALSO DISCOVERED

SPECIAL TELEGRAM FROM John P. Cowan, Staff Correspondent.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—In Jacksonville, Fla., or in that city's suburbs, is a trunk, the contents of which are expected to reveal many secrets of the Chadwick case. It doubtless will be seized tomorrow by order of the receiver in the bankruptcy proceedings against the Cleveland woman, and will be returned here. This is the culmination of a brilliant piece of detective work, which has been vigorously prosecuted during the last fortnight.

Several days ago, Receiver Nathan Loeser learned that Mrs. Daniel L. Pine, a sister of Mrs. Chadwick, had suddenly left her Cleveland home on the night of December 11 for Florida, with her she took a large trunk. Only a day or two before Mrs. Chadwick's baggage with its telltale papers had disappeared, and the inference was that it had been taken among Mrs. Pine's effects. Further investigation verified the theory and tonight word was sent to Jacksonville for an examination of the mysterious property. The exact location of Mrs. Pine will not be disclosed until this has been done.

Daniel L. Pine, Mrs. Chadwick's brother-in-law, was on the witness stand before Referee Harold Remington in the bankruptcy court this afternoon and was subject to a vigorous examination. He told of driving at the dead of night to Mrs. Chadwick's house and of the stealthy manner of spiriting away the missing papers to his home in Avondale. He told of hiring a safe deposit box for the safeguarding of Mrs. Chadwick's valuables and explained how his wife had suddenly decided to spend the winter in the south.

Anxious to Get the Trunk.

On the witness stand he was not pressed for information as to his wife's destination. This precious bit of knowledge had been imparted before to the attorney for the receiver and to The Gazette correspondent, and was not offered as testimony because it is the desire to secure the trunk before the newspapers print the story broadcast. The receiver and his attorney were in a happy frame of mind tonight in anticipation of their find.

"One night I received a telephone message from Mrs. Chadwick's maid asking me to come out to her house at once and get some valuable packages," said Pine. "I hitched up immediately and drove out to her house. I went in at the back door. A maid met me and told me that Mrs. Chadwick had some very valuable papers which she wanted me to get. I went up stairs and carried the baggage out of the front door."

This incident occurred a few days after the bankruptcy proceedings had been instituted. A valise, the witness stated, was stituted. A valise, the witness stated, was Mrs. Chadwick's attorney.

"One day," Pine continued, "Mrs. Chadwick gave me $5 and told me to go down to the Cleveland Trust Company and rent a safe deposit box for six months."

Mrs. Chadwick Displeased.

"Did she rent it in her own name?" asked Attorney Grossman.

"No, I took it in mine, and she kicked about it. She asked me why I didn't rent it for Mr. Jones or Mrs. Smith. She sent a package of valuable papers to be placed in the box. I afterward gave these to her son, Emil Hoover."

"When did your wife decide to go to Florida?" Pine was asked.

"She decided very suddenly on Saturday, and left the next day. She wanted to get away from the reporters. They were following her all the time."

"What baggage did she take?"

"A large trunk."

"What did the trunk contain?"

"Now I don't know exactly, but I think it was mostly clothes."

"Where is she now?"

Pine hesitated a moment and finally stammered:

"In—in—. Somewhere in Florida."

The prologue to this testimony was not without interest.

"Is your wife Mrs. Chadwick's sister?" Pine was asked.

"That's what I have always understood."

"Mrs. Chadwick holds a mortgage for $1,800 on your house?"

"Yes."

It was said tonight that Attorney Dawley probably would surrender the valise to the receiver. The application for the restraining order on the bank in Elyria, the bank which Mrs. Chadwick patronized, will be heard by Referee Remington tomorrow, and on Friday morning other witnesses will be called to testify as to the disposition of other missing property.

Relationship Not Established.

"We expect to hear something from Florida tomorrow night or Friday morning," said Attorney Grossman tonight at his home in Glenville. "We are working now at exceedingly long range and are subject to hitches which may occur through undue publicity which might be given to this discovery. However, I think that nobody ever believed that the ramifications of the Chadwick mystery would extend away down into the tropics. It seemed to be the opinion that the missing baggage would be more likely to turn up in Paris or London."

"You place full credit in Pine's story?" Mr. Grossman was asked.

"I think he is mistaken in the number of trunks," he replied. "I think Mrs. Pine took at least two."

Pine's relationship to Mrs. Chadwick was not very definitely established. While he said that he "understood" that his wife

CITY OFFICIALS FIND OLD DEBT

Suit Against Fort Wayne Railroad to Recover $56,000 Is Proposed.

TREASURER STEEL WILL ACT

A discovery of an old contract has been made by city officials which may lead to suit being brought by the city against the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wawne & Chicago Railroad Company to recover $56,000, which is claimed to be due for the right of way granted the railroad by councils in 1858 to enter Pittsburgh. City Solicitor Rodgers has been appraised of the discovery and a conference was held at City hall yesterday morning in relation to the matter.

Present at the conference were City Treasurer John F. Steel, Councilman A. G. Roenigk, who has consulted Solicitor Rodgers, and City Clerk E. W. Hassler. Councilman Roenigk was the one who discovered the 1858 contract by which the company agreed to pay into the city treasury every month, beginning April, 1858, the sum of $100, which amounts, at the present rate, to over $56,000. This sum was to be paid for the right to cross Liberty street and Penn avenue, thus permitting the company to extend its line from Allegheny into Pittsburgh. At that time the eastern terminus of the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago railroad was in Allegheny, and when it obtained the franchise to enter Pittsburgh, double tracks were laid across Penn avenue and Liberty street.

Claim Contract Still Stands.

These tracks were maintained at the street grade until about three years ago, when an agreement was entered into with the city whereby the company was permitted to elevate its tracks over Liberty street and Penn avenue to enter the new Union station. In return for the elevation of the tracks the city paid $240,000 for the necessary regrading of Liberty street and adjacent streets at this point.

The city officials claim that this latter agreement did not in any degree abrogate or modify the contract of 1858. They claim the contract still stands, that it has not been repealed by any legislation nor ever annulled by notice on the part of either the company or the city. While the contract was made for 10 years, it has continued down to the present time by mutual consent and unaltered by either party, although the company is charged with violation of the contract by failing to make the monthly payments of $100.

Councilman Roenigk says the city solicitor claims the city can collect the full amount in arrears and continue to collect as long as the company's lines cross Liberty street and Penn avenue.

Steel Will Demand Payment.

He so informed City Treasurer Steel yesterday and the latter stated that he would make a demand upon the company for payment as soon as he was furnished with a written opinion by the city solicitor.

City Clerk Hassler, who was engaged with Treasurer Steel and Councilman Roenigk in examining the municipal records, stated last night that there was no record of any payment ever having been made by the railroad company.

SMOOT WANTS TO KNOW.

He Asks Why Senate Committee Does Not Investigate Charge of Polygamy Against Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Senator Smoot, whose right to a seat in the senate is being investigated by the senate committee on privileges and elections, is apparently becoming deeply interested in the proceedings. Senator Smoot very seldom says anything about the trial, but today he said:

"Why don't the committee send out to Idaho and investigate the charges of a woman there that I am a polygamist? She sent a protest to the committee months ago and I would like to see it investigated. Why don't the committee look into such things as that?"

Netherlands Minister Wedded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—At noon today, in the Church of the Epiphany, Miss Elizabeth Lindsay Glover was married to Jonkheer R. De Marees Van Swinderen, the Netherlands minister, Bishop Satterlee, assisted by the rector, the Rev. Dr. McKim, officiating. Secretary Hay, other members of the cabinet and the entire diplomatic corps constituted the official representation at the wedding.

NEVER WARNED WIFE OF MARCUM

Former State Senator Hargis Sustains His Brother's Statement on Stand.

DISMISSAL IS THEN OVERRULED

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

WINCHESTER, KY., Dec. 21.—Judge Benton today overruled the motion for a peremptoy dismissal of the Marcum-Hargis case, and the defense proceeded to introduce evidence.

A. H. Hargis, former state senator from Breathitt county, and brother of Judge James Hargis, the principal defendant, supported his brother's statements that even at thetime of the killing of Marcum in Jackson, Curtis Jett was at enmity with Judge Hargis because the latter had had him imprisoned for boisterous rowdiness in the Hargis store and on the streets of Jackson. He said Jett had come to their store very drunk, took possession of the office, and declared his intention of killing Judge Hargis. He was heavily armed, and shot holes in the walls and ceiling.

The witness swore the reason the Hargises rendered Jett aid after his arest for the murder was on account of Jett's mother, who is their sister. He denied he had ever warned any one Marcum was in danger of assassination. When asked about the letter his wife, who is a niece of Marcum, was said to have written, warning Mrs. Marcum there was a plot to kill her husband, he said as soon as he heard the rumor he asked his wife about it and she denied, in the presence of witnesses, she had written any such document.

WALKER WILL OPPOSE A SEA-LEVEL CANAL

Chairman of Isthmian Commission Withdraws His Report from War Department.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Rear Admiral Walker, chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, today appeared at Secretary Taft's office and withdrew the report of the commission, submitted several days ago. The report had lain unread on the secretary's desk for several days. Rear Admiral Walker stated that although his name was signed to the report he had not read it and desired to do so.

This was an unusual incident, and is regarded as significant. Admiral Walker and Chief Engineer Wallace have diametrically opposite views on the questions of a sea-level canal. It is surmised that Admiral Walker may desire to change the reference of the report on this question.

Admiral Walker said several days ago that the idea of a sea-level canal seemed to be growing in the minds of a few congressmen, but that he did not now believe in the idea, because it would take twice as long to duild and would cost more.

TRUST COMPANY OBSORBS THE WADE PARK BANK

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—The Wade Park bank of which Iri Reynolds is secretary and treasurer, together with two branches, was taken over today by the Cleveland Trust Company, which will conduct the business of the three institutions. The Cleveland Trust Company has within the last few days taken over the business of five banks located in this city and its suburbs.

Polick Brothers Plead Guilty.

UNIONTOWN, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The homicide trial list in Fayette county was brought to a close today when John Polick, charged with the murder of James Corti at Arnold City, entered a plea of manslaughter, and his brother, Mike Polick, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and battery. Both pleas were accepted by the commonwealth and the jury was discharged.

Steel Bolts Advanced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The steel bolt association has decided to advance the price of bolts $4 a ton. Steel plates were advanced $2 a ton.

PRESIDENT WANTS QUICK RESULTS

Mr. Roosevelt Dissatisfied at Proposed Delay in Regulating Railroad Rates.

CONFERENCE WITH LEADERS

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU.
Room 10, Postal Building.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.

President Roosevelt, very much dissatisfied with the proposition of senate leaders to carry over railroad rate legislation to another congress and have a congressional commission investigate during the summer, has renewed his campaign for action at this session. He is very much inclined to use the full power of the administration in this effort.

He had conferences today with Attorney General Moody, Secretary Morton, Speaker Cannon, Senator Allison and E. P. Bacon, the last named representing in Washington the organization of shippers. The president left no doubt in the minds of his visitors that he considered this the burning question of the hour, and that the necessity of legislation at the present session was altogether paramount in congress.

The president and other members of his administration meet the argument in favor of a congressional commission and consequent further delay, by these plain statements:

That the question of just and fair railroad rates has been before the congress at least eight years; that the industrial commission, a body appointed by the president of the United States, pursuant to a resolution of congress, composed of four senators, four representatives and 10 prominent citizens, at an expense of hundreds of thousands of dollars, investigated this question exhaustively for four years and reported to congress in favor of legislation in terms quite as emphatic as the president's message; that the necessity for action has been pointed out in every annual report of the interstate commerce commission for at least six years; that the commerce committees of the senate and house have had the subject before them in one form or another for nearly 10 years, and have held hearings and published volume after volume of reports on the subject; that the interstate commerce law convention in St. Louis exhaustively considered the question last fall and published its conclusions broadcast over the country.

The president has very seriously impressed the members of congress and others with whom he has talked in the last two days, with his earnestness in the matter, and Attorney General Moody at his request has devoted much time to the subject for the purpose of drawing a bill to be presented to congress with a hope of action this session, at least in the house.

Senator Hepburn of Idaho had an extended talk with the president today on the subject of federal charters for corporations doing an interstate business. The senator indicated his intention to introduce in the senate a measure providing for the incorporation under United States laws of all corporations doing an interstate business.

REAR ADMIRAL DAVIS ARRIVES IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Rear Admiral Charles H. Davis arrived here this afternoon. Lieut.-Commander Smith, United States naval attache, met the admiral and his party. It is expected President Loubet will receive the American admiral tomorrow and that the commission will afterward hold its opening session.

Congress Adjourns for Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—An objection to unanimous consent to take up the inaugural fall resolution in the house today sent the whole matter over until after the holidays. The house adjourned until January 4. After a session of four minutes the senate adjourned today until January 4.

Proverb Problem No. 12

ON PAGE 2, TODAY.

Enter Contest at Once.

Back Numbers Can Be Supplied.

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was Mrs. Chadwick's sister, the evidence brought out earlier in the day indicated that this was not very clear. Mrs. Mary Londraville, for 12 years housekeeper for Dr. Chadwick, when called to the witness stand, was asked concerning Pine.

"He is a friend of the family," replied Mrs. Londraville.

"Was he known to the servants as Mrs. Chadwick's brother?" was asked.

"Yes; brother, or a relative of some sort."

The witness said that she left the employ of Dr. Chadwick last June. The day before Mrs. Chadwick went to New York, she drove down town to the Hollenden hotel, and in a suite on the fourth floor was in conference for five hours with Judge Albaugh of Canton, O., and several other men. All this time, the witness said, Mrs. Chadwick had a large satchel and a small portmanteau in her possession. It contained papers and miscellaneous documents.

DEMAND MADE ON HOTEL FOR CHADWICK PROPERTY

Receiver Loeser Gets No Satisfaction from Manager of the Hoffman House.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—It is now intimated that Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick has stored some of her jewelry and other valuable property with John P. Caddagan, manager of the Hoffman house. Mr. Caddagan received the following letter from Cleveland today:

Dear Sir—I wired you this morning: "I hereby demand of you all properties of Cassie L. Chadwick, now in your possession, or under your control, and I hereby notify you not to deliver same to any other person.

(Signed) NATHAN LOESER.

Receiver appointed by the United States court.

Information has reached me that certain property, consisting partially of jewelry and other valuables, and belonging to Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, is now at the Hoffman house, and under your control, and I shall hold you responsible for a faithful accounting for the same.

If you will advise me as to the charges which you have thereon I shall arrange to pay same so that the property may be delivered to me in Cleveland. Yours truly,

NATHAN LOESER.

At the Hoffman house today Mr. Caddagan would say nothing in reference to the Chadwick property. Charles L. Greenhall, the New York representative of Receiver Loeser, called on Mr. Caddagan, but was referred to the latter's lawyer.

"Did you reply to Mr. Loeser's letter?" Mr. Caddagan was asked.

"No," said he. "Why should I? A man comes into my hotel and says that he wants certain property held. I do not know him nor do I know why he should make such a request."

WHOLE FAMILY FOUND UNCONSCIOUS FROM GAS

Mrs. Margaret Lynch, a Janitress at Central Station, and Seven Children Have Narrow Escape.

Mrs. Margaret Lynch and her seven children, whose ages range from 2 to 18 years, were found unconscious in their home, rear of 1230 Penn avenue, shortly before midnight, the entire family having been overcome by sewer gas. All are in a serious condition and are being cared for by neighbors.

All of the children were taken ill yesterday and the mother mentioned the fact to the neighbors, and thinking that they were suffering from colds she treated them accordingly. About midnight a man named Carlore, who lives in the neighborhood and happened to be passing the house, looked in the window and saw Mrs. Lynch lying on the floor. He secured the assistance of several neighbors and Mrs. Lynch and the children, who had been put to bed by the mother before she succumbed to the fumes, were carried out of the house and into the open air.

Dr. R. V. Swanton attended the family and then turned them over to the care of neighbors.

Mrs. Lynch's husband died suddenly about six months ago and it is thought that sewer gas was the cause. Mrs. Lynch is a janitress at central police station.

SYVETON'S FATHER CHARGES ASSASSINATION OF SON

PARIS, Dec. 21.—M. Syveton, father of the late Deputy Syveton, today made a formal complaint to the criminal court that his son had been the victim of an assassination. The accused person was not specifically named, as the examining magistrate is to make a specific charge after an investigation of the complaint.

Maj. Hardin Acquitted.

MANILA, Dec. 22.—Maj. Edward E. Hardin, Seventh United States infantry, who was court-martialed on a charge of neglect in not having a sufficient guard at Malate prison from which 33 native prisoners escaped, was acquitted today.

Hazlewood Church Damaged.

A fire in the Hazlewood Christian church, Hazelwood avenue and Blair street, early this morning damaged the auditorium to the extent of $200. The blaze was caused by an overheated gas stove and was alongside the pipe organ, which but for the prompt discovery of the fire would have been destroyed.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

NIXON—Miss Ada Rehan, supported by Charles Richman, in "The Taming of the Shrew," 8:15 p. m.

NEW ALVIN—The Harry Davis stock company in "Sergeant James," 2 and 8 p. m.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Continuous vaudeville bill of 15 acts, headed by Fadette Woman's orchestra, 1:30 to 10:45 p. m.

GAYETY—Creston Clarke in "Monsieur Beaucaire," 2 and 8 p. m.

AVENUE—Anna Eva Fay (fifth week), 8 p. m.

BIJOU—"A Desperate Chance," 8 p. m.

DUQUESNE—"Buster Brown" (second week of return engagement), 2 and 8 p. m.

WILLIAMS' ACADEMY—"The Gay Masqueraders," 2 and 8 p. m.

DUQUESNE GARDEN—Skating afternoon and evening; music tonight.

ALLEGHENY CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL—Six hundred and forty-ninth free organ recital, Casper P. Koch, city organist, assisted by Miss Bertha Dietrich, soprano, and William Falck, trombonist, 8 p. m.

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TOM LAWSON WILL SHOOT ON SIGHT

He Says So in Open Letter Addressed to Henry H. Rogers.

KEENE LETTER MADE PUBLIC

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—James R. Keene made public tonight what he declares to be a copy of his celebrated letter to Thomas W. Lawson.

Mr. Keene has delayed publication to give Mr. Lawson an opportunity to make the letter public. According to Mr. Lawson, the original letter was mislaid in Boston. Mr. Keene tonight gave out what he declares is an exact copy taken from his letter press.

When the letter was read to Mr. Lawson on the long distance telephone he declared it proved all he had said regarding "wash" transactions. He further made the statement that Keene accepted no pay for the work because he was seeking through this difficult piece of manipulation to get himself back into the good graces of the Standard Oil crowd.

The following is the Keene letter:

Broad Street, July 26, 1904.

Thomas W. Lawson, Esq.:

Dear Sir—You were in error in your last contribution to Everybody's Magazine in ascribing to me any agency in the advance of Amalgamated Copper stock in 1901. I have had practically nothing to do with the speculation in this security, and 4,000 shares, and that held for a few days only, measures my largest holding at any one time.

I took no interest in its advance, for I had no stock; nor in its decline, for the same reason. My only connection with it was the sale by me for account of Mr. H. H. Rogers and his associates of 22,000,000 at prices ranging from 90 to 96, and at a period shortly before the advance to 125.

I undertook it with some reluctance, as a nominal quotation of 90, with a few fragmentary transactions, represented all the market then for it. But I wished to oblige Mr. Rogers, and consented. I received no compensation for the trouble, expected none, was offered none, and had I been, should have declined it.

A week, perhaps, after the accounts had been made up and settled, Mr. Rogers informed me that he thought the stock was going to advance, as he had received some letters from parties who were going to buy, and asked me if I would see them and join in the movement. I declined, upon the ground that any attempt to make a material advance would invite a collapse, and there would be certain selling of much of the stock I had sold for them.

I adiued that if he would take my advice he would continue selling until he had either sold out or reduced his holdings to nominal figures. Since that period I have not purchased or sold one share for the account of any of these parties, neither have I received from them or from him any information about the property or the stock, nor have I asked for any.

I have gone somewhat into detail, but these are the facts and my attitude when the advance occurred.

Yours very truly,
JAMES R. KEENE.

This letter in the main is taken to prove Lawson's charge, made last Sunday, that there were millions of dollars of "washed" transactions in Amalgamated. Mr. Keene's letter shows he produced $22,000,000 cash for H. H. Rogers. Lawson's statement is that Keene disposed of 242,000 shares of actual stock to produce it. The price of 90 to 96 bears this out.

Henry Wellington Wack, who wants to have Lawson arrested for depreciating the value of Amalgamated Copper stock by the alleged circulation of false reports, was notified by District Attorney Jerome today that the evidence submitted was insufficient to sustain the complaint. Lawyer Beattie, who represents Mr. Wack, said he would submit additional proofs to Mr. Jerome, and if they were not accepted, criminal proceedings would be started independent of the district attorney's office.

Lawson tonight gave out an "open letter" in Boston addressed to Henry H. Rogers. After referring to the report which reached him last night that a New York editor was threatening to come to Boston to shoot him, he says:

In the light of many happenings of late, and the innumerable threats which are being made to me and against me, I wish to herewith notify you and through you any thugs that are seeking me, that I will in defense shoot at sight the first who calls upon me or in any way comes into my presence, after giving me notice such as the above. I regret being compelled to take this method of defending myself, and only do so after having become convinced that there are at the present time many would-be assassins seeking to put an end to me, that they may put an end to my work.

HEAVY DAMAGE BY WATER.

A Midnight Blaze at McDonald Ruins Property Valued at $10,500. Covered by Insurance.

M'DONALD, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—In their efforts to subdue a $500 blaze in the Cook & Shane building shortly before midnight tonight, firemen did nearly $10,000 damage to the stock of merchants whose stores are on the ground floor. The fire, which is supposed to have originated from a stove in the office of the Citizens Water Company, in the second story. When the flames were discovered they had eaten a great hole in the floor. The firemen dragged a hose up the stairway and the stream of water which they soon had playing on the fire poured down upon the stocks of Samuel Shane, a hardware dealer, and John Shane, who conducts a furnishing goods store. The hardware store suffered damage to the amount of $3,000, while the men's furnishing goods of John Shane's store were almost completely ruined, representing a loss estimated at $6,500. The damage to the building itself is placed at $500.

All the losses are covered by insurance. The Bell telephone exchange, in a room adjoining the water company's office, was closed for an hour.

KNOX GUEST OF HONOR.

He Attends Dinner Given by Mr. Clothier, of Philadelphia—Pennypacker and Penrose Present.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—United States Senator Knox was the guest of honor tonight at a private dinner given at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel by Isaac H. Clothier, a retired merchant and capitalist of this city. Among those who attended the dinner were United States Senator Penrose, Gov. Pennypacker, Chief Justice Mitchell and Justice Fell of the supreme court; former Postmasters General John Wanamaker and Charles Emory Smith; Provost C. C. Harrison of the University of Pennsylvania; former United States Attorney General Wayne MacVeagh; and Mayor Weaver.

Senator Knox made a brief speech, as did also Gov. Pennypacker, Senator Penrose and others.

MAY BUY ROLLING MILL.

Charles M. Schwab's Visit to Elyria, O., Starts Rumor of Possible Purchase.

LORAIN, O., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Charles M. Schwab was in Elyria today and it is intimated that his presence there was in connection with a deal whereby he may become owner of the Columbia rolling mill, which is the property of the Federal Manufacturing Company of that city.

He was met at the Lake Shore train by officers of the Federal company and driven to the Columbia steel mills. Later he made an inspection of the Girard saddle factory. It was rumored months ago that Mr. Schwab was to become owner of the Columbia steel mill, but the report at that time was denied.

Mrs. Anna Hallock Injured.

While walking in Florence avenue, Avalon, last night, Mrs. Anna Hallock of that borough, slipped on the icy pavement and broke her kneecap. She was taken to the Bellevue General hospital.

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READ CAREFULLY THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.

The conditions governing this contest follow: No answer which does not exactly conform to them will be considered.

All answers must be upon GAZETTE blanks, which will be printed with each Proverb Picture. Only one answer will be allowed on each blank.

ANSWERS MUST NOT BE SENT IN UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE CONTEST. But all answers must be in The Gazette office within two weeks after the last Proverb Picture is printed.

The blank forms will be numbered and answers must be neatly arranged in numerical order by the contestants. At the close of the contest answers should be sent by mail, postpaid, addressed to Manager Proverb Contest, THE GAZETTE, PITTSBURGH, PA., or they may be left in sealed envelopes at our Business Office, Wood Street and Oliver Avenue, addressed as above.

Do not send the pictures. SEND ONLY THE ANSWER BLANK. The blanks may be filled out in any legible way.

Contestants may send in as many sets of answers as they please, but each set must be in a different envelope. Each set will be treated separately, BUT NO CONTESTANT WILL BE AWARDED MORE THAN ONE PRIZE. Contestants may send in duplicate answers to the same Proverb Problem, but they must be on separate blanks; that is, they may fill out two or more No. 1s or 2s, etc. These duplicates must be kept together in making up the sets of answers.

Reasonable neatness will be taken into consideration in awarding the prizes.

Contestants may secure assistance from any source. Everybody is eligible except employes of The Pittsburgh Gazette.

The manager of the Proverb Contest distinctly reserves the right to make any change in or addition to these conditions that he may deem necessary for properly conducting the contest.

The proverbs selected for this contest are those in common use and will not be hard to solve, but be careful to get the correct wording and punctuation, and see that each word is spelled correctly. You will find this contest an education for old and young. Enter it at once.

GIGANTIC MERGER IS RUMORED N CLEVELAND

Report Says the Three Big Lighting Companies of the City Are Preparing to Consolidate.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21.—Rumors of a gigantic merger of the biggest public service corporations in the city have been set afloat, traceable to sources usually reliable. The corporations said to be included in the deal are the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, the Peoples Gas Light Company and the Cleveland Gas Light and Coke Company. Men connected with these deny the rumors.

The incorporated mystery, the Cuyahoga Light and Power Company comes into the rumor for a share of consideration. This company has made application for franchise rights, but has not divulged the name of any one connected with it.

LAUNDRYMEN BANQUEST.

Annual Dinner Held Last Night Was One of Merriment.

The Allegheny County Laundrymen's association held their annual banquet last night at the Hotel Henry. Representatives from various firms in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia were present. A. C. Canfield, the president, was toastmaster, and gave a brief review of the workings of the association. The speakers and their subjects were as follows:

A. R. Young, president of the Intercounty Laundrymen's Exchange, "Our Associate Members;" James Hill, ex-president of the Ohio State Laundrymen, East Liverpool, "Progress of Association Matters." He was followed by M. Miller of Morgantown, president of the West Virginia and Maryland Laundrymen's association. E. A. Barnes spoke on "Pioneer of Laundrymen's Industry," and John Dunn, "Legal Matters Connected with the Laundry Industry." C. J. Cassity, ex-president of the National association, was present and made a few remarks.

Injunction Against Bond Sale.

NEWARK, O., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Probate Judge Irvine today granted a temporary injunction against Denison Pryor & Co., of Cleveland, and Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, purchasers of the $300,000 worth of bonds issued for the construction of a water works system for Newark, restraining them from disposing of the bonds. It is alleged that the bonds were sold at a much less premium than could have been secured at public sale.

Miners Succumb to Injuries.

MAHANOY CITY, PA., Dec. 21.—Burned by gas at Oneida mine of the Cross Creek Coal Company near here, Frank Moser, aged 32, and Joseph Herald, aged 26, died today in the Miners' hospital. Herald's wife is on her way from Europe ignorant of his fate.

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived, December 21.

New York—Perugia, from Naples; Kroonland, from Antwerp; Menominee, from London.

Copenhagen—Helligoalav, from New York.

Hongkong—Empress of China, from Vancouver.

London—Minnehaha, from New York.

Queenstown—Oceanic, from New York; Saxonia, from Boston (for Liverpool, and proceeded).

Naples—Italia, from New York.

Sailed, December 21.

New York—Bovic, for Liverpool; Rotterdam, for Rotterdam and Boulogne; Majestic, for Liverpool; United States, for Christiansand and Copenhagen.

Naples—Canopic (from Genoa and Palermo), for Boston via Ponta del Gada; Prinz Adelbert, for New York.

Liverpool—Cedric, for New York via Queenstown; Siberian, for Halifax.

Antwerp—Lancastrian, for Boston; Mount Temple, for St. John, N. B.

Passed, December 21.

Inistrahull—Pomeranian, from New York, for Glasgow.

Brow Head—Saxonia, from Boston, for Liverpool.

WHITE WAIVES HEARING; IS REMOVED TO JAIL

Believes That Two Men Were Concerned in Rose White's Murder. Officials Silent.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 21.—The authorities of Logan county now say they have reason to believe two persons are guilty of the murder of Rose White last Friday night, near Chapmansville. Fred Stratton, who was arrested, put behind the bars of Logan jail and closely guarded to prevent violence stoutly proclaims his innocence and his attorneys say he will prove an alibi. He was brought from the jail this afternoon to the court room for a preliminary hearing.

Stratton's attorneys stated he desired to waive examination. An effort was made to induce the court to have Stratton transferred to Huntington, but this was refused.

It is declared that Stratton, if guilty, had an accomplice and the authorities, it is believed, know his name, but will divulge nothing until a capture is effected. Mrs. White, mother of the dead girl, stated today her daughter told her she had a premonition that she was to be murdered, but her mother scoffed at the idea. The daughter mentioned no names.

SENATOR SHOUP DEAD.

Former Western Pennsylvanian, Who Achieved Distinction in the West as a Soldier and Statesman.

Word was received yesterday by Banking Commissioner Robert McAfee that his brother-in-law, ex-Senator George Laird Shoup, had died at his home in Boise, Ida.

Mr. Shoup was born in East Franklin township, Armstrong county, on June 15, 1836. When 15 years old he went to Colorado. In 1861 he enlisted in a cavalry company and served in that arm of the service until the close of the war, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He also had a good record as an Indian fighter.

Soon after the war Mr. Shoup settled in Idaho. He was appointed governor of the territory in 1889. The next year he was elected governor of the new state and a few weeks later was chosen United States senator. He served in congress until 1901. His business operations embraced mining, stock raising and banking.

TWO NEW BISHOPS.

Catholic Church Consecrates One for Montana, the Episcopal Church One for Cuban Republic.

DUBUQUE, IA., Dec. 21.—At the Roman Catholic cathedral here the Rev. John P. Carroll, former president of St. Joseph's college, this city, was today consecrated bishop of the diocese of Helena, Mont. Archbishop Keane of Dubuque officiated as consecrator. Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis preached the sermon.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 21.—The Rev. Albion W. Knight of St. Phillip's Episcopal cathedral, Atlanta, was today consecrated bishop of Cuba. The consecrators were the Rev. D. L. Tuttle, bishop of Missouri; the Rev. E. G. Weed, bishop of Florida, and the Rev. C. K. Nelson, bishop of Georgia. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Sessums of Louisiana.

Sold Iron to Full Capacity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Members of the Eastern Pig Iron association report that they have sold pig iron to the extent of their capacity up to May 1 next. The surplus pig iron stocks of members of the association have practically all been sold, and at the year's end surplus stocks will have all been dissipated.

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FACULTY AND POLICE TO INSTITUTE INQUIRY

Gould Shooting Incident to Be Closely Probed—Lad May Quit College.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—With an investigation begun by the faculty, another ordered by Police Commissioner McAdoo, and one of the bitterest interclass fights in the history of Columbia university, as the student contribution, complications developed almost hourly today, as a sequel to the alleged act of Kingdon Gould in flourishing and shooting a revolver to escape hazing by sophomores Tuesday afternoon.

The faculty investigation, ordered by Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the university, was begun by Dean Hutton of the School of Mines, when he summoned every sophomore known to have participated in the Tuesday's occurrence. They are to meet the dean tomorrow morning. Young Mr. Gould was not summoned.

Kingdon Gould, so far as his own classmen knew, did not attend lectures or recitations today, although at the home of George J. Gould it was declared he had done so. The sophomores were obliged to give their dinner without making young Gould their prize exhibit, as intended, but contented themselves with two other freshmen captives.

Among his closest student friends it was generally believed that young Gould will not return to Columbia. There is a college tradition that George J. Gould himself, angered at a hazing when he matriculated at the college, left the institution.

PHILADELPHIA GIRL TO WED BRITISH MINISTER

Announcement Made of Miss Alice Blight's Engagement to Gerald Lanther, Now in Tangiers.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Formal announcement was made today of an interesting international engagement, that of Miss Alice Blight, daughter of Atherton Blight of Philadelphia, to Gerald Lowther, British minister at Tangiers, and recently British minister to Chili.

Miss Blight, who is one of the beauties of society, has for several years been identified with New York social affairs, her father having spent several winters here. The family has passed many summers in Newport, where Mr. Blight has a house. He is now in Europe with his two married daughters.

Mr. Lowther has been much in New York and Newport. When Lord Pauncefote was British ambassador at Washington, Mr. Lowther was his first secretary. He has been recently transferred from Chile to Tangiers.

STOCK SHOWS ACTIVITY.

Arizona Consolidated Heavily Bought and Price May Advance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Heavy buying orders from Pennsylvania forced the price of Arizona Consolidated to $26, but afterwards dropped to 25⅝. There is unusual activity in this stock. There was current rumor on the street that the merger, which is watched for, was consummated, but the officers of the company would not confirm the report. Despite this fact, those on the inside are issuing heavy buying orders which indicates that a move of great importance is on. This stock was predicted by a number of stock exchange houses to go higher, which probably had a tendency to increase the buying orders.

ELECTRIC MOTORS WILL SOON RUN ON THE N. Y. CENTRAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—President Newman of the West Shore railroad has been authorized to make the necessary contracts for the preliminary work of introducing electric motors which were recently tested on the New York Central, and which will be in use on portions of the main line within the next year. Connections are to be made with the new suburban trolley system which the Vanderbilts are developing in Central New York.

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DISINFECTANT FUMES CAUSED BOY'S DEATH

Coroner's Jury Decides Case of a Hometsead Colored Lad. Dynamite Kills a Pole.

The coroner's jury yesterday decided that the death of Clement Banks, aged 12, colored, of 1706 McClure avenue, Homestead, was due to heart disease from inhaling disinfectant fumes. The boy's brothers had been ill from scarlet fever and the health authorities fumigated the place. The fumes from the disinfectant affected the boy's heart.

Dr. W. S. Frye and Health Officer David Francis of Homestead, yesterday stated that they noticed that the boy's throat was affected by the disease. Neither believed that the fumes from the disinfectant had anything to do with the boy's death, as they had used it for several years in disinfecting houses and no ill results followed.

Premature explosion of dynamite used to loosen from car beds a load of billets frozen in the place, instantly killed Steve Kish, a Pole, at the Duquesne steel works yesterday.

As he reached for a glass of beer in a South Side saloon yesterday, Henry Bohring of 30 Brownsville avenue, dropped to the floor dead from heart failure. The body was removed to the morgue and identified by the man's brother, F. H. Bohring.

Antone Lasrsky, aged 38, of Lock No. 3, a miner employed by the Blaine Coal Company, was killed yesterday by a fall of slate.

Italian Banker in Trouble.

Anton J. Katchman, an Italian banker of Rankin, was held for court by Justice Barnhart of McKees Rocks last night on a charge of false pretence and embezzlement, preferred by Simon Zunice, an employe of the Pressed Steel Car Company of McKees Rocks. It was alleged that Zunice paid a large sum of money to Katchmar at the latter's bank for transmission to Zunice's parents in Italy in October, 1903, but they never received the money.

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Our large force of expert help is at your service for cleaning up previous to the holidays. We clean everything. National Window and Office Cleaning Co. Both 'Phones. 307 Third Ave.

ANDREWS WILL HAVE TO BE SHOWN

He Is Hurrying to New Mexico in Search of His Certificate of Election.

FITTING HONOR FOR J. P. HALL

William H. Andrews, delegate-elect to the congress of the United States from the territory of New Mexico, has new troubles. His certificate of election is lost and he is hurrying home to ascertain if there has been any "skulduggery."

The senator had a good deal of trouble putting himself in position to claim a certificate of election. After a campaign which amazed the whole southwest, the old Pennsylvania politician cleaned up two strenuous opponents and won the office by a majority of over 5,000.

The certificate of election is alleged to have been sent to Pittsburgh by the secretary of the territory. Andrews watched the mails until Tuesday and the coveted paper did not come. He wired to the secretary and received this reply: "Mailed certificate 10 days ago to the Hon. W. H. Andrews, 1405 Arrott building, Schenley, Pittsburgh, Pa."

Will Have to Show Him.

There was no record of it having been received in Pittsburgh. Yesterday Andrews hopped a train and started for the territory. When he arrives the proper authorities will think he hails from Missouri. When he has the certificate in his pocket he will hurry back to Washington to aid in putting through the statehood bill. When that is done, he will go gunning for a certificate of election as a United States senator. It is better than even money that he bags the game.

Speaking of United States senators, the Democracy of Pennsylvania is preparing to honor a favorite son. Last November James Knox Polk Hall led his party to the worst licking it ever received in the state in a presidential year. It was his fortune to stand in the forefront of a battle which resulted in President Roosevelt receiving over a half-million plurality, the election of one Democratic congressman out of a delegation of 32 and the election of 16 Democratic members of the legislature out of a total of 254.

Just Hall's Size.

The total Democratic strength in the legislature is raised to 25, when the nine holdover senators are counted. It so happens that Hall is one of the holdovers. Had he been a candidate this time he would probably still be digging out of the hole into which he led his party. Among other things which happened in November, Elk county returned a good Republican majority.

Twenty-five votes for United States senator is about Hall's size. Col. Guffey, who pays the freight and holds the title of Democratic leader in Pennsylvania, has decided Hall should be rewarded. The 25 Democratic members, the smallest representation the party has had in the legislature for over 30 years, at least, will be told to pay tribute to the man from Elk in a manner commensurate with his worth as a state chairman. This handful of Democrats, who secured seats in the legislature through no efforts of his, will vote for Hall for United States senator. This action will probably mark the passing of Hall from the political stage.

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Turkeys Are Cheap

if bought at McCann's where quality is guaranteed—only reliable dealers. 401-410 Market street.

The best Christmas gift for your wife, son or daughter is a bank book representing a savings account opened with the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, Smithfield street and Fourth avenue. This bank, founded in 1862, pays four per cent compound interest.

Holly wreaths, Mistletoe, Laurel, all evergreen decorations selling below cost account over supply.
ALBERT M. TRAVIS,
Both Phones. 645 Liberty Avenue.

DON'T FORGET THE ANGELUS.

HAMILTON'S

The ticket sale opens here this morning for the piano recital by DE PACHMANN at the Hotel Schenley, December 28. This is one of the great musical events of this season. It is an opportunity of the first magnitude to music lovers. Box office open at 9 o'clock this morning.

SPEAKING OF OPPORTUNITY

Here's one that does not come often so close to Christmas day. It's great from several different standpoints—first, the exceptional musical quality of the goods; second, the unusual character of the design and finish of the pianos; third, the remarkably low price, and, last, the very favorable terms offered to late buyers.

We received yesterday a carload lot of eighteen new style

CONSERVATORY PIANOS.

Beautifully finished in mahogany, walnut or oak cases, polished as you'd find the surfaces of pianos at twice the price, panels with decorations hand-carved from the solid wood, with a tone quality of exceptional richness and sweetness, and actions so balanced that the fingers of a baby can bring instant response from the strings.

These goods were ordered for the beginning of our holiday business. The painstaking care of the makers prevented shipment till every little detail was satisfactory, resulted in a delayed shipment. But the assurance of completeness given by this care on the part of the makers, only adds to our confidence in the goods and the wonderful value they offer to the fortunate purchasers.

These are entirely new designs and their equal has never been shown in Pittsburgh—not even by this house. They are worth $250 net; cash.

There are only eighteen of them, and the price is but

$185.00 PAYABLE $15.00 CASH WITH ORDER.

BALANCE AT $7.50 PER MONTH.

There Are Only Eighteen, Remember.

And there's still time to order before Christmas for immediate delivery.

Ask to see the special combination offer we make this week on a new upright piano and a new style piano player, at the low price of

$350 FOR THE TWO

Payable $35.00 first payment; balance, $10.00 monthly. It's the greatest combination you ever saw.

OPEN EVERY EVENING. EASY MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

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$1 takes any new regular style of Mira Music Box in the house. The balance can be paid monthly if you wish. Will you come in and hear this beautiful Mira box with the piano tone? Prices, $7.50 to $250.

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Sole depot for Mason & Hamlin, A. B. Chase, Fischer, Hamil-Tone, Schumann, Conservatory and other fine pianos.

Don't Forget the Angelus.

Talking Machines

If you are economical in your Christmas buying you can't afford to ignore the cut prices we're making on Talking Machines and records this week. Thousands of records at 15c, 30c, 60c, instead of 50c and $1.00.

Easy Monthly Payments, Too.

BUY FURS RIGHT.

For Miss or Matron FURS

make the most acceptable gift. Always providing, however, that the style—and quality are RIGHT.

The reputation of this house for over a Century—guarantees the goods you buy here.

—Christmas Prices on Highest Grades—

Four Skin Natural Hudson Bay Sable Scarfs	$ 90.00
Two Skin Natural Russian Sable Scarfs	50.00
Three Skin Blended Baum Marten Scarfs	50.00
Four Skin Blended Baum Marten Scarfs	75.00
Four Skin Natural Mink Scarfs upwards from	35.00
Ermine Scarfs from $20.00 upwards to	75.00
Ermine Muffs from $75.00 upwards to	125.00
Chinchilla Scarfs from $20 upwards to	35.00
Chinchilla Muffs from $38.50 upwards to	75.00
Persian Scarfs from $15.00 upwards to	85.00
Persian Muffs from $15.00 upwards to	35.00
Natural Squirrel Scarfs from $10.00 upwards to	35.00
Natural Squirrel Muffs from $10.00 upwards to	18.00
Blended Squirrel Scarfs from $10.00 upwards to	40.00
Blended Squirrel Muffs from $15.00 upwards to	20.00

Handsome sets of Russian Sables, Hudson Bay Sables, Blended Baum Marten, Ermine, Chinchilla, Persian, Squirrel, Natural Baum Marten, Isabella and Sable Foxes.

Men's and Women's Seal and Kid Gloves.
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Men's and Youths' Raincoats—Hats—Caps.

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$38.00 Near Seal Jackets now	$25.00
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55.00 Near Seal Jackets now	37.50
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For those who want something more elegant we have—

One $395 Real Seal Jacket, trimmed with Baum Marten, at $250.

One $300 Real Seal Jacket, trimmed with Chinchilla, at $200; one $350 Jacket, at $250.

One Persian Lamb Jacket, trimmed with Ermine, $192.50 value at $125; $225 value at $150.

One Persian Lamb Jacket, trimmed with Mink, $140 value at $100.

SCARFS.

Black Marten	$ 5.00	to $	37.50
Gray Squirrel	5.00	to	25.00
Mink	5.00	to	20.00
Sable Fox	5.00	to	45.00
Isabella Fox	12.00	to	45.00
Real Mink	20.00	to	125.00
Baum Marten	35.00	to	250.00
Hudson Bay Sable	100.00	to	175.00
Russian Sable	125.00	to	300.00
Russian Sable Scarf and Muff	500.00	to	1,000.00
Persian Lamb Scarf	15.00	to	125.00
Real Chinchilla	25.00	to	125.00

MUFFS.

Mink Squirrel	$10.00	to	$13.50
Gray Squirrel	10.00	to	18.00
Real Beaver	15.00		
Black Marten	8.00	to	22.50
Sable Fox	15.00	to	27.00
Isabella Fox	20.00	to	27.50
Real Mink	20.00	to	60.00

Black Fox	20.00	to	25.00
Persian Lamb	15.00	to	30.00
Real Chinchilla	25.00	to	85.00

We have some extreme novelties in Baum Marten Scarfs and Muffs that are wonderfully attractive—Scarfs $35 to $125—Muffs $50 to $75.

MISSES' FURS.

Grey Squirrel	$ 6.00	to	$15.00 Set
Gray Krimmer	7.50	to	9.00 Set
Imitation Beaver	6.00	to	7.50 Set
Imitation Mink	4.50	to	6.00 Set
Frosted Coney	3.00	to	3.50 Set
Imitation Chinchilla	4.50	to	5.50 Set
Real Ermine	22.50	to	45.00 Set

CHILDREN'S FURS.

Imitation Ermine Sets, scarf and muff	$1.50 Set
Frosted Coney Sets, scarf and muff	1.50 Set
Imitation Beaver Sets, scarf and muff	3.00 Set
Imitation Chinchilla Sets, scarf and muff	3.00 Set
Imitation Ermine Sets, scarf and muff	3.50 Set
Gray Squirrel Sets, scarf and muff	5.00 Set
White Thibet	$3.00 to $6.00

AFTER 6:30 P. M. BARGAINS

The following bargains are for tonight only. No sales will be made at these prices before 6:30 p. m. and none after tonight.

25 Oriental Rugs—Shervans and Daghestans—average size 3 feet 3 inches by 4 feet 6 inches; $13.50 value at $8.50.

Umbrellas—26 and 28 in.—fancy handles, $7 and $7.50 ones tonight at $5 each; $4 and $4.50 ones at $3.

$1.50 Waste Paper Baskets tonight at 75c.

233-235 FIFTH AVENUE

JOSEPH HORNE CO.

Weather—Fair and Warmer.
Yesterday's Temperature—Max. 30; Min. 23.

Thursday, December 22, 1904.

There is a peculiar dignity in the gift of a book for the holidays which is in no way affected by its price.

Can you say the same of anything else?

Why not BOOKS for Christmas?

Dine With Us This Evening Between 5:30 and 8:30.

50 Cent Table d'Hote Dinner.

The hours are closing in on Christmas. Thousands have yet to buy their gift things. The three days left for late shoppers will see stirring times in this store. So that everybody may have the full benefit of our wonderful collection of gift articles, the

Store is open from 8 A. M. until 9:30 P. M.

With over 2,000 employes, we are well able to take care of as many thousands as can come to the store throughout the next three days.

People desiring to send gift packages to distant relatives and friends are again advised that we prepay all express, postal and freight charges to any point in the country East of the Mississippi river, on purchases of $5.00 or more.

Items of Special Interest From the China Store.

Special Sales Today and Tonight.

Read the following brief list carefully for gift suggestions based on the economical. They are a few things taken from thousands of others, any of which would make most excellent Christmas presents. This department shows China to meet every taste inasmuch as every good pottery in the world is represented. Moreover our prices will be found very low, indeed, when compared with what others are asking on equal grades.

Haviland Dinner Ware, 100-piece gold stippled sets, spray decorations, large platter, 2 covered dishes and open vegetable dish—regular price $30.00—today and tonight **$18.50**

French China Bread and Butter Plates—former price $2.25 dozen, special today and tonight, a dozen **$1.50**

German and Austrian Vases, different shapes, different colors, very artistic flower or violet vases, or can be used as a piece of Bric-a-Brac. $1.00 and $1.50 values, today and tonight, 75c; and 50c and 75c values for **25c**

Majolica Jardinieres, different color blendings, different sizes, 65c and 75c grades today and tonight for **45c**

Umbrella Jars, in fantastic Japanese decorations, 24 inches high, $2.25 grades today and tonight **$1.50**

Very thin Austrian China Cups and Saucers, neatest of decorations, different designs, those that sold for $3.00 a dozen, today and tonight $1.50 dozen; those that sold for $2.00 and $2.50 dozen, today and tonight, by the dozen **$1.25**

Holiday Suggestions in Women's Neckwear.

There's as much variety in our neckwear section as the most whimsical taste could demand. Everything that has been brought out during the year for women is to be seen here.

And hundreds upon hundreds of people are buying neckwear for gifts, and still we are in splendid shape to serve you, owing to the largeness of our importation—

Ostrich Feather Boas, $12.00 to $100.00.

Marabout Stoles, $7.50 to $50.00.

Marabout Muffs, $7.50 to $100.00.

Persian Scarfs, 45c to $8.00.

Embroidery and Lace Collar and Cuff Sets, 50c to $15.00.

Stocks of silk, lace or linen, 50c to $10.00.

Silk Ruffs from $1.25 to $15.00.

Silk Twice Around Scarfs, 50c to $3.50.

Special—$20.00 Marabout Sets, consisting of stole and muff, for $12.50.

Special—Silk and lace Stocks, Jabots and Collar and Cuff Sets in white, pink, blue and black, an endless assortment, worth up to $1.00, for 25c and 50c each.

Women's Silk Hose.

Many, many women will receive one or a number of pairs of silk hose for Christmas, but none of them will be finer than these we call attention to today. Simply because of their kind they are the finest made.

Embroidered silk hose—stylish new designs such as bow-knots, butter-cups, forget-me-nots, rosebuds, marguerites, violets, etc.; $2.25, $2.75, $3.00, $3.50, $5.00, $6.00 and up to $15.00 a pair.

Plain black silk hose with lace ankles, $5.00.

Black silk hose, the lace ankles further ornamented with embroidery in self or contrasting colors, $5.00 and $6.00.

Black silk hose with colored clock work, $3.50.

With self clock work, $3.00 and $3.50.

White silk hose with self clocks, $3.50.

Today, $3.00 Silk Hose for $2.50.

Fine silk hose, these, of French manufacture, imported direct by us to meet the holiday demand. Either medium or gauze weight at this low price.

Umbrellas, 50c to $25.00.

Who will have the temerity to say he cannot secure a suitable gift umbrella in such a range? We daresay you could not find a greater range in the city, and we don't mind mentioning the fact that we are selling more umbrellas this Christmas season than we ever did before.

Special line for men and women at $1.85 for an umbrella that is worth a great deal more.

Our $3.00 Umbrellas have covers of fine tape edge union taffeta, the trimmings are all sterling, there are different sorts of handles, such as fine natural handles, sterling trimmed, pearl handles, ivory handles, staghorn handles.

Our $5.00 Umbrellas are extra value for that price, indeed; they are the kind that generally sell for $6.00 and $7.00. Handles as varied as you could suggest—gunmetal, gold, pearl, silver. Covers of finest tape edge pure silk.

Men's Warm Caps Priced Low.

We have been selling lots of caps of all kinds since the cold weather set in, but notwithstanding the great inroads on our stock we are able to show a most complete assortment.

Lots of people buying fur caps for Christmas presents.

Cloth Caps, in all shapes, 50c to $2.50.
Plush Caps, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50.

Coney Fur Caps, $2.00.

Electric Seal and Muskrat Caps, $3.00, $3.50 and $5.00.

Alaska Seal Caps, $5.00 and $6.00. These are made of pieces, which, however, do not show.

Alaska Seal Caps made from one continuous piece, $10.00, $15.00, $20.00 and $25.00.

Coachmen's Caps, $3.00, $5.00 and $6.00.

While on the subject of men's headwear we wish to state that we have an unusually fine collection of French Opera Hats—all the new shapes—$5.00, $6.00, $8.00 and $10.00.

Sensible Christmas Gifts for Girls.

Warm Cloth Coats, Jackets and Raincoats, school, house and party dresses, fine evening coats in white, tan and black broadcloth—these are among the practical offerings of the misses' department, second floor, West.

Special lot of misses' Walking Skirts in fancy mixtures, plain brown, blue and black panamas, 32 to 39 inches—$8.00 and $10.00 values, special at $5.00.

Special line of girls' three-quarter length coats—blue and tan kersey cloth, lined with flannel, were $15.00, special at $9.00.

Holiday Fur Suggestions.

Squirrel lined cloth Paletots, with collars of various furs, $25.00, $30.00, $35.00, $45.00, $65.00, $115.00.

Persian Lamb Blouse Coats (Leipsic dye), $125.00.

Alson Alaska Seal Coats, $250.00 to $400.00.

Fur Sets—Muff and Neckpiece.
(Pieces may be purchased separately if desired.)

ALASKA SABLE
NATURAL SQUIRREL
SABLED SQUIRREL
PERSIAN PAW
BEAVER
SABLED FOX
MINK
ERMINE
RUSSIAN SABLE
CHINCHILLA

At POPULAR PRICES.

Parents, Attention!

We want to discuss with you our underprices on boys' clothing. The time is opportune, seeing that it is possible you may have in mind presenting the boy with a new suit or a new topcoat. Look over the following carefully:

All our $12.00 and $14.00 Fancy Belt Overcoats, made of newest Scotch materials, cut double-breasted, finished with self collar—sizes 9 to 16 years—have been reduced to **$10.00**

The average boy in the range of ages 4 to 14 years likes a Reefer. We have gray and dark blue Reefers of best materials, lined with flannel, and they are the best Reefers that can be found in the city for **$5.00**

Perhaps the boy needs a new pair of Trousers. We have quite a lot of Dollar Trousers, mixed and plain materials, that we will sell for, a pair **75c**

Ready Now With More of Those $1.25 Waist Patterns.

The $2.50 kind which we have been selling at the Embroidery Counter for $1.25 and which have been going out as fast as we could get them in. And even then they would have gone out more rapidly had we been able to supply the demand—this last shipment Wednesday closely approaching 3,000 we've had for Christmas selling.

Pure white cotton materials with embroidered strip for front and cuffs—boxed ready for presentation purposes—one of the best waist patterns ever sold for so small a price.

French Flannel Dressing Sacques Priced Very Low.

A French flannel Dressing Sacque from sister to sister or mother to daughter—about as fine a present in the practical line as we can think of.

Today we have thrown out for sale at reduced prices a collection made up of broken sizes—shown in pink, blue, red and helio—

$2.50 Dressing Sacques for $1.75.
$3.75 Dressing Sacques for $2.50.
$5.00 Dressing Sacques for $3.75.
$6.75 Dressing Sacques for $4.50.
$7.50 Dressing Sacques for $5.75.

The Simple Life, 90c.

Pastor Wagner's charming story—author's edition—handsomely bound in cloth. A gift sure to be appreciated. Former price $1.25.

If It Be Gloves, Send the Best in the World.

The ideal gift, whatever price is paid for it, is to send a thing which is the best of its kind that money can buy. For this reason gloves are the very best suggestion when one wishes to confine the amount to a moderate sum.

Reynier Gloves Are the Best in the World.

The man or woman who receives them knows that the sender secures the finest that money could buy in selecting the gift.

We have a complete assortment of Reynier Gloves for both men and women. They are notable, first, for the superb quality of the skins used in making them—for nothing but the very finest, freshest, softest skins are allowed to go into Reynier Gloves. The chiefest point of all is their very perfect fitting quality. No other manufacturer in the world has succeeded in equaling the superb product of this famous French manufacturer. They are shown in the following assortments:

Women's Reynier Gloves—

Overseam Suede at $1.75 a pair.
Pique Suede at $2.00 a pair.
Mousquetaire Suede at $2.25.
Pique Kid at $2.00 a pair.
Overseam Kid at $2.00 a pair.
Chevrette Tanne at $2.00 a pair.

Men's Reynier Gloves—

1-clasp P. X. M. Chevrette Tanne, $2.50.
1-clasp Pique Chevrette Tanne, $2.50.
1-clasp Pique Kid, $2.50 a pair.
2-clasp Pique Kid, $2.50 a pair.

Of course, if you wish gloves at more moderate prices, we have our famous lines at 1.00 and $1.50—no gloves anywhere at the same price worthy to stand alongside of these gloves.

Dozen and Half Pairs in Box seem to be the favorite this year, although we have boxes with one pair, two pairs and three pairs.

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Thursday, December 22, 1904.

The pardon of Col. Frederick Ames, who was serving a sentence for connection as chief of police with the graft cases that stirred Minneapolis three years ago, probably ends the agitation over the matter. His brother, Mayor A. A. Ames, fled to New Hampshire, but was taken back and sentenced to six years imprisonment. New trials were granted the former mayor, and he finally escaped conviction, but he is a broken-down old man. The system of deriving an income from thieves and immoral resorts was said to have been perfectly organized in Minneapolis, but a reaction came and the offenders were cleared out. There are other cities afflicted with vice syndicates which have yet to experience such a purgation.

The announcement comes from Washington that the army appropriation is to be cut down so that there will not be enough to allow for maneuver, such as were held last summer with the idea of training "regulars" in actual campaign work and offering suggestions to militia of states who cared to attend. It has been proposed that these be continued annually until they become as distinctive a feature as the massing of naval vessels each year to perform warlike evolutions. The primary reason for the reduction in appropriations is need for economy, but army officers assert that sham battles did not pay from an educational standpoint. Gen. Corbin, who was one of the most earnest advocates of these encampments, is in the Philippines, or the plan would not be abandoned without an active protest.

Considerable opposition has developed to the offer of Andrew Carnegie to help build the mechanical trade school in Boston, made possible by the accumulation of the Franklin fund. The proposition was made to the managers yesterday, accompanied by a letter in which the donor expressed the wish that such an institution as the Cooper Institute of New York be founded in Boston, for he was satisfied that it was the people who not only spend laborious days, but those who spend laborious nights fitting themselves for hard work that makes the most valuable citizens. The managers thanked him and took the matter under consideration. It is said, however, that the sentiment of the critics is against linking Carnegie's name with that of Franklin. President Eliot of Harvard college was especially emphatic, for he said that the project should not be made possible by any Carnegie-Franklin fund as "it should be the Franklin fund only."

Various reports from Japanese and Chinese centers agree that a strong Japanese squadron has gone to meet the advancing sections of the former Baltic fleet. This maneuver is contrary to some accepted strategical standards, which assume that a naval force is strongest in proximity to its base. In this case, however, it may be supposed that the Japanese intention is to attack one or more of the divisions of the Russian squadron before they can unite at a prearranged rendezvous in the Indian ocean. It may be fairly conjectured the Japanese naval authorities have more definite information concerning the Russian plans than the general public possesses. Finally it must be apparent that whatever weakness attends distance from naval bases is in favor of the Japanese, who are much nearer home in the Indian ocean than the Russians. The crucial question concerning the cruise to the south turns upon the accuracy of Japanese information as to where the separate elements of the Baltic fleet may be found.

Senator Thomas C. Platt has called a conference of Republican leaders in New York to discuss the senatorial succession. The old leader declares he favors the return of Senator Chauncey Mitchell Depew, while Gov. Benjamin B. Odell is trying to have former Gov. Frank S. Black chosen. He denounces Mr. Odell's declaration that he is keeping "hands off" as "stuff and nonsense," and assert he will not be "buncoed" by any such information. Moreover, Senator Platt demands a "line up" of the influential party men that he may know on which side they will range themselves. At first glance all this seems to promise a lively struggle at Albany and possible complications afterward. It is not safe, however, to count upon any such results. Senator Platt is doing what he may for his colleague, Senator Depew, and he wants a count of noses. If there is no hope for his candidate there is not a man in all this country who can accept defeat more gracefully than the former "easy boss."

It is unfortunate that the cotton mill operators at Fall River, Mass., have repulsed the offer of the Civic federation to have the dispute with their former employes arbitrated. The operatives voted by a large majority for arbitration, showing an apparent confidence in the justice of their claims that is not exhibited by the employers. Both sides to this controversy have probably suffered irreparable injury that might have been avoided by an earlier appeal to arbitration. The work people are said to be on the verge of starvation. It may be this fact that causes them to favor arbitration, but even so, and granting the power of the owners to force them into complete submission to their terms, the rejection of arbitration by the latter is an error, because it forgoes an opportunity to establish more satisfactory relations.

Insistent and Aggressive.

As might have been expected, President Roosevelt is not disposed to have his recommendation for the regulation of railroad rates set aside for treatment in the indefinite future. He does not take at its face value the plea that there is no time to handle so serious a question during the short session. Mindful of the fact that this amendment to the interstate commerce law was requested by the commission more than 10 years ago, the president believes it is time for action. The president is right.

President Roosevelt desires a law as fair for the railroads as for the shippers. He has to contend with those who would favor the railroads or large shippers at the expense of the public and those who would give the measure an unjust bearing, calculated to bring railroads and shippers into the lobby. Against these the campaign is being prepared by conferences with the leaders who are on the side of justice.

It is pretty well understood the objection to immediate action is centered in the senate, where majority rule is tolerated under the designation of courtesy. Under the circumstances it is proper for President Roosevelt to exert to the utmost the power of his position to compel action. He will have able assistance in the senate chamber. There are senators, such as Heyburn, Lodge, Knox and Vice President-Elect Fairbanks who can be counted upon for fullest support. Senator Cullom, who had charge of the original bill, would stultify himself if he should withhold hearty support from an amendment to make it effective, and there are others on both sides of the chamber who can be relied on. The personal strength of the president in the recent election is his warrant for pressing this and other promised reforms energetically and the man who stands in the way is singularly blind to the political significance of that election, or careless of his own political future.

Where to Put the Blame.

There is a howl from the cotton states over the cotton crop report of the agricultural department. The crop was estimated at 12,262,000 bales, and prices declined just when cotton growers were figuring how to put them up. The agricultural department is accused of playing into the hands of the bear interest. Representative Livingston of Georgia has introduced a resolution for a congressional investigation. In a detonating editorial under the title "Away With It," the Atlanta Constitution announces its readiness to see the whole crop report system abolished, saying that "the people of the south would much prefer to dispense with any further guessing at the expense of their pockets."

In all this hullaboo the point is lost sight of that the question really at issue is not whether the government report had the effect of helping the bears, but whether it is true. The Atlanta Constitution says that if the report had estimated the crop at 11,500,000 bales it would have been in accord with conservative opinion and the price would have ranged around 10 cents "as the normal value of such a large crop." The New Orleans Times-Democrat's estimate, published in advance of the government report, named 11,960,000 bales as the figure, which is not very far away from the government estimate. It may be remembered, moreover, that last December the department estimate was 9,962,000 bales, which was 600,000 bales less than the cotton exchange's estimate. Prices made an advance, of which consumers complained, but then the south was entirely satisfied. As a matter of fact it eventually turned out that the government estimate was within 50,000 bales of the actual yield. The big estimate of the present was made up in the same way, as the low estimate of the past, and is quite as likely to turn out to be correct. It is only natural that the big prices of a year ago should have stimulated production.

Where cotton growers should put the bame for the weakness of the cotton market is not upon the government report of actual conditions, but the diminution of demand because of the cotton corner and wild speculation of the past year. Rather than pay such prices mills shut down. In the Lancashire cotton trade there was an extensive curtailment of production, and it is only recently that the mills have started up again on full time. The policy of curtailing the output in the face of high prices is declared by the English press to have been triumphantly vindicated, and in general the English cotton trade is now patting itself on the back for having played a waiting game until prices came down. Not only does artificially high prices restrict demand, but it causes steady effort to increase the cotton-growing area of the world, with results that may be felt some day.

Last season speculators were depressed. Now consumers are taking advantage of the big crop to squeeze the producers. But with the mills in full tide of production again, prices will go to normal values. But with all this the government reports have nothing more to them than the hands on the clock have to do with the flight of time. They indicate the situation, but have nothing to do with causing it.

Control of Corporations.

James R. Garfield, chief of the bureau of corporations, in the new department of commerce and labor, sheds needed light on the operations of his bureau in the annual report just submitted. Mr. Garfield points out that his bureau is not an agency for the detection of crime, nor for the destruction of business organizations that violate the laws. It exists primarily as a gatherer of information upon which may be based legislation or processes to prevent violations of the laws or dishonest acts of corporations. It seeks the foundation for remedial measures, not for the infliction of punishment.

In all cases the bureau deals directly with the corporation under investigation. It requests voluntary information. Failing to obtain that it applies the compulsory process prescribed by law. It never resorts to detective methods, and it can never be a menace to honest corporations. When it finds abuses it reports them for legislative or executive action.

In conclusion Mr. Garfield recommends national incorporation of concerns engaged in interstate commerce. He believes that most evils complained of in the commercial world will be cured by the largest measure of publicity and by prohibition of extravagant capitalization. In this view he agrees with other students of this subject, including some of the most widely known corporation managers, and he suggests how these ends can be attained. The report is a notable development of the Roosevelt policy for the regulation of the great aggregatons of capital which represent limitless possibilities for good or evil.

Too Much Bureaucracy.

Chief Engineer Wallace of the Panama canal is not gratified by the action of the president in extending the classified civil service rules to canal employes, and has stated that unless the order is modified "it will very materially lengthen the time and increase the cost of the work." His objection is that the order "practically deprives the chief engineer of the benefit of discipline, or the benefit of conducting his work on business principles."

Such an indictment cannot be dismissed as the complaint of a spoilsman. Mr. Wallace has his reputation at stake in this matter and his reputation is largely due to his ability to organize and direct economically large forces of men. Now if the civil service regulations hinder him in such work they defeat the very intention of the regulations.

There can be no objection upon this score as regards the operation of the civil service regulations in graduating applicants for public employment with regard to their special fitness. The examinations are calculated to assure the existence of proper qualifications upon the part of those found eligible. The defect comes in with the regulation requiring formal charges and a hearing before any dischage of an employe can be made. This limitation upon administrative discretion gives a bureaucratic heaviness to the service which produces many evil manifestations. Subordinate officials do not have to give satisfaction to their chiefs. A merely perfunctory performance of duty, which avoids such overt grounds of offense as would afford a basis for filing of charges and formal trial, is sufficient to hold down their jobs. Hence it is that associations of employes are able to harass chiefs who do not let them take their work as easily as they like. Pension Commissioner Ware got his clerks down upon him because he attempted to enforce business rules, and they did all they could to make it hot for him and smoke him out of office. Other officials have had similar experiences. When Secretary Gage adopted time clocks the clerks choked them up with mucilage. In almost every branch of civil service abuses have crept in and clerks have assumed a menacing tone even toward congress. When Congressman Gillett insisted last summer that clerks should not be excused earlier in the afternoon on days when ball games were played, the outcry raised approached threats of personal violence.

All these difficulties would end forthwith if chief officials were allowed to exercise their discretion as to the removal of subordinates. There would be no inducement to abuse this authority as the vacancy would have to be filled under the civil service rules by appointment from the list of eligibles, and no department chief would be likely to let a good man go to bring in a stranger who would have to be broken into the duties of the place. The existence of the authority would, however, cause clerks to be under the necessity of pleasing their superiors by their dilligence and loyalty, and that would be a good thing for the public service.

The Eight Hour Rest Rule.

The bill introduced by Representative Norris of Nebraska to make a matter of legal requirement what is known as the eight-hour rest rule deserves prompt passage. Its proficiency is obvious.

The bill makes it unlawful to keep railroad employes at work for a longer period than 24 hours without a rest of eight hours intervening. In practice it will mean that train hands shall have eight hour rest between trip. Surely the safety of the traveling public would not be reasonably assured with less than such an allowance of rest for the men upon whose nerve and energy transportation depends. The rule is in force on well-managed railroads, but is not universal, although it ought to be. The enforcement of the law is to be placed in the hands of the interstate commerce commission, where it properly belongs.

The frequency of accidents and of loss of life in this country are much greater than they ought to be, and comparisons with results in other countries are discreditable to us. The enactment of such a law as this will go far toward remedying faulty conditions.

Two more true bills have been returned by the grand jury in the Allegheny graft cases and one bill has been ignored. There is ample opportunity in the bills returned for disclosing the system.

St. Petersburg is disposed to regard North Kikwan fort as of not much consequence since the Japanese have taken it. It may be admitted it is of no further use to the Russians.

Anxious Inquirer wants to know how to pronounce "drought." This is no time to raise such a question. They are too emphatic about it out in Westmoreland and "Old Flatt."

The Hon. Joseph C. Sibley "washes his hands" of the Venango county graft inquiry. It is some comfort to be thus told that Mr. Sibley's hands are clean at any rate.

Andrew Carnegie authorizes purchase of the Jefferis collection for the Pittsburgh museum, while the administration questions the expense of conducting the institute.

It may be assumed that the Japanese squadron that has steamed southward has a more definite idea of where it is going than the paper strategists.

"Nan" Patterson will soon know her fate and at this distance it does not look as though the jury should have much trouble in agreeing on a verdict.

One million Christmas trees have been sent from Vermont to Boston and New York. The full dinner pail is not the final evidence of prosperity.

A Frenchman has found a new comet. Yet some people would prefer to find Mrs. Chadwick's trunk.

Talked of in Gotham

By FRANK A. PARKER.

(BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Newest among "infant industries" is the "flower trust." Residents in the Fifth avenue district were the recipients of a handsomely engraved and illustrated folder in bond form, which apprised them of the annual expenditure of $10,000,000 in the city of New York for cut flowers, and the wasting of an equal amount by reason of a "lack of suitable marketing facilities." Continuing, the document reads: "A coterie of public spirited men, after the method in vogue in London, Paris and Berlin, have determined upon the establishment of a 'flower' market for the express purpose of placing delicate and beautiful flowers within the reach of all." The "flower market" is now open to cater to the floral wants of the public. "This association of growers," said the manager, "aims to sell its product direct to the trade and to save thereby the usual profit of the commission merchant and retail men. We have, as you see, a not expensive plant and the whole thing is in market shape. Avoiding the high rents paid by the Broadway and Fifth avenue dealers, we are enabled to sell flowers at figures that range from 25 to 50 per cent less than those charged by the avenue retailers. Quantity is the keynote of our venture and we think that by this feature it will be made to pay." He pointed to a show case containing 2,000 cut long and short stemmed American beauty roses, which, he asserted, could not be equalled by another establishment in the city.

Bronx Shows Off Its Dogs.

The Bronx dog show, which is being held in a spacious German garden at One Hundred and Seventieth street and Third avenue, continues to prove a theory which has long existed in the annexed district, to wit: That there are almost as many dogs north of the Harlem river as there are children. "Sauer kraut and" for dinner in the garden, with a dog show adjunct in the main hall, are the attractions in chief. A little girl who was sent down in the cellar for some water for a dachshund, in her innocence tapped a barrel of moselle. The dachshund was carried home later without any blue ribbon, but he carried with him an excellent remembrance of the first annual dog show in the Bronx. One of the largest dog judges in the United States kindly consented to officiate. He stands six feet nine and a half inches in the ring and weighs 392 pounds without a catalogue in his hands. The dogs are permitted to howl in a large dance room. No fault could be found with the show from the point of good entries. Dogs of eminent pedigree, including many old favorites at Madison Square garden are present. Half a dozen women have submitted their toy dogs, which have been placed in receptacles like bird cages in the center of the hall. In order that they may not take cold their cages are covered up with shawls.

Are Not Stage Money Dogs.

Some of the most valuable dogs in America are owned by actresses, by the way, and with the winter show at Madison Square garden many of these pampered pets will be exhibited, some of them for the first time. It is going to be an astonishing experience for the dogs, for most of these animals are treated with more care and luxury than most children have, and to be chained ignominiously in a bench show will be a nerve-racking strain. Among the exhibitors at Madison Square garden are Lillian Russell, Eda Wallace Hopper, Effie Shannon, Mrs. Pat Campbell, Adele Ritchie, Elsie De Wolfe, Amelia Bingham, Grace George, Phoebe Davies, Mrs. Wilton Lackaye, Blanche Bates and Eleanor Robson. It is safe to say that this canine aristocracy of the stage represents no less than $10,000 in real money.

Real Needs for Christmas Gifts.

Ear muffs as Christmas presents will probably be popular if another cold weather announcement like this is made. Fur lined overcoats also look well on the list of clothing stocks. The words "much colder," which the weather manipulator uses today, will not be greeted with any excessive amount of enthusiasm, but it is well that they are seen ahead of time in order that they may serve as warning to the needy. A good overcoat on the back is worth two on a ticket, if what the forecaster says is veracious. For fair weather on Thursday many thanks. On the third count, specifying high winds in addition to cold, there is a popular verdict of "guilty" with recommendation for severity. Snow still Greenlandizes the side streets, but the main streets and avenues are pretty well cleared.

Praise Comes from the Dead.

The will of Hyman Rinalde, a wealthy merchant, which was filed today, is regarded as an unusual document, because most of the will is devoted to the testator's tender praise of his wife. For many months Mr. Rinalde, who leaves a large estate, was ill, and his wife took care of his business, in addition to nursing him. After bequeathing $500 to his daughter Anna, Mr. Rinalde closes his will in these words: "I give and bequeathe to my beloved wife, Lena Rinalde, all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal estate I die possessed of. I hereby take occasion to express my sincere gratitude for her true wifely devotion toward me; for her many sacrifices to fulfill my every desire, and for the many, many, many sleepless nights she has passed on account of the severe attacks of illness which I have been subjected to."

Policemen as Life Savers.

There are at least two members of the New York police department who can get diplomas as life savers because they know that soap suds and arsenic are antagonistic. When Mrs. Lena Abraham's husband returned at 3 a. m. to their home, she upbraided him for what she called his long-continued neglect and ill treatment of her. During the quarrel which ensued the young wife snatched from a table by the bedside a bottle of arsenic tablets and swallowed them all. Abrahams called in Policeman Jones and Detective O'Neil, and while awaiting an ambulance the officers administered an emetic of hot soap suds, which soon placed the woman out of danger. Dr. McKinzey arrived soon after with a stomach pump and supplemented O'Neil's efforts so well that he was able to say the woman would recover.

Children Lose an Old Friend.

"The candy woman is dead." Such was the news that flew from shop to shop and child to child around Third avenue and One Hundred and Seventh street. "Aunt Rosa" was dead. For so many years that nobody could recall her first appearance the little gray haired, kindly faced woman had sold candy out of the basket at the corner. It did not always matter if the little one had the penny. "Aunt Rosa" had a good heart, and more than one sobbing child was made happy by a bit of her sweetmeats quietly slipped to it. "Aunt Rosa" was known to her neighbors as Mrs. Rosa Solomon and she lived alone at No. 1957 Third avenue. She started out last night, and, finding herself ill, went into the hallway at No. 165 East One Hundred and Ninth street. Before help reached her she died. The ambulance surgeon said it was a clear case of heart failure.

Pittsburghers in New York.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels today:

Waldorf-Astoria.
F. Pittfield.
J. R. McGinley.
A. G. McKenna.
E. P. Remington.
D. R. Lupton.

Holland.
G. W. Porter.
Mrs. Porter.
H. P. Schneider.
Mrs. Schneider.
F. B. Smith.
W. L. Mellon.
O. Ussing.
Mrs. Ussing.
G. W. Kerr.
Mrs. Kerr.

Manhattan.
G. W. Sumter.
Mrs. M. G. Clifft.
R. L. Wilson.
H. B. Naylor.
C. S. Heinz.

Hotel Astor.
Mrs. Morris.
R. M. Morris.

Imperial.
R. Esau.
Mrs. Esau.
J. McA. Duncan.
C. S. Sevoh.

Herald Square.
L. V. Watkins.

Astor House.
R. H. Blockell.
W. J. Young.
W. M. Watson.
W. J. Chase.

Union Square.
C. P. Hartman.
A. F. Hook.

York.
M. Maxwell.

Navarre.
F. C. Waddell.

Victoria.
J. A. Bostian.

Continental.
E. P. Cooke.

Westminster.
F. G. Colson.

Murray Hill.
J. H. Patterson.

Vendome.
D. Scott.
Mrs. Scott.

Albert.
C. A. Harrington.

Fifth Avenue.
J. A. Frauenheim.
J Painter, Jr.

Feminine Gender.

"Is an airship 'he' or 'she,' papa?"

"She, I think, my dear. You know you never can get 'em to go the way you want 'em to go."
—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

The Quiet Observer.

By ERASMUS WILSON.

A well-known Indiana man
One dark night last week,
Went to the cellar with a match
In search of a gas leak
(He found it.)

John Welch by curiosity
(Dispatches state) was goaded;
He squinted in his old shotgun
To see if it was loaded.
(It was.)

A man in Macon stopped to watch
A patent cigar clipper;
He wondered if his finger was
Not quicker than the nipper.
(It wasn't.)

A Maine man read that human eyes
Of hypnotism were full;
He went to see if it would work
Upon an angry bull.
(It wouldn't.)
—San Francisco Bulletin.

Why don't they discuss real, live, warm topics at teachers' institutes, say smart things and be funny?

This is one of the conundrums that one hears repeated again and again at these meetings.

The bills say that Prof. Soandro's lecture will be particularly fine, it having been rapturously received from Saginaw to Squidunck, and the reporter taking his cue from this writes it down as great. He need not say wherein it is great for he doesn't have to, and he doesn't care a snap whether it is really great or not as long as he has the program to back him up.

Teachers listen to the funny parts of the lectures, even enjoy them, and criticise other teachers between times.

All of the teachers may not do this. In fact, all do not, for here and there you find one taking notes for dear life, drinking in whole rivulets of wisdom and swallowing chunks of new facts with as great gusto as if they were short-neck clams on the half shell.

Tastes are various among teachers the same as among lovers. The fellow that one doesn't like a little bit is just "it" for another, and so on until one is forced to concede the truth of the saying that there is a Jack for every Gill, or words to that effect.

There may be a few among the more popular institute instructors who please each and every one, save and except those who already have one wife, but their number is limited. You know them.

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This is institute week in Washington and Westmoreland counties, and little Washington and Greensburg are over flowing with beauty and talent from the country districts, to say nothing of the talent and beauty that belongs in these towns.

To all this is added a varied array of talent imported from here and there and everywhere at no little expense to give pointers to the talented home stock.

This being the particular season when teachers and scholars are thinking least about studies and schools, the lecturer who steers clear of rock bottom school topics and tries to be entertaining is the one who wins fame and applause, and if he succeeds well his stock goes away up and he is in demand.

And this is all right, too, considering that in a teacher's life there is very little that is entertaining, at least that is amusing and entertaining, and they can stand a lot of it, and it does them good, and does their schools good—does everybody good, including the entertaining entertainers.

In very truth, institute week is an oasis in—in what? It won't do to say in the barren fields in which teachers are turned loose to browse, nor in a pedagogical desert, nor wide waste of weeds and moss and scrubby timber growth.

Nevertheless it is an oasis, all the same.

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There is the kissing bug, for instance, than which there is nothing more interesting as a feature in nature study.

And it is so easy to find specimens, and so nice to experiment with them.

Most teachers object to studying snake feeders, devil's darning needles, woolly worms and the like, but kissing bugs are always in favor, and always in season, too, so that they can be studied winter or summer, day or night or any old time.

Nor is a text book or even a hand book necessary. But a few remarks by a learned and capable lecturer, including practical hints for beginners, would prove a ten-strike sure, while the professor's services would be in great demand and at good figures.

And why not?

There is Prof. Crook of the Northwestern university, professor of the cold and grimy branches known as geology and minerology, who won fame by boldly announcing that he had never, never kissed a woman, nor had he ever, ever been kissed by one since he was dandled on the maternal knee. He is today one of the best advertised men in the country.

And see what came of it.

During last vacation he played tennis with a pretty Ohio girl, and now it is announced that he will begin the new year with a wife, and she, a teacher, will instruct him in the lovely art which he ridiculed so shamefully a few moons agone.

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If this thing is to be kept up, and it will be as long as human nature is human nature, why not see to it that it is done decently and in order?

And where is there a better place, fitter conditions or finer bunches of material to begin with than may be found at teachers' institutes?

And it may safely be inferred that as there is only one Prof. Crook, and he has been roped in, that there will be no trouble in securing talent of a high order, and a-plenty, to meet all demands.

Even the versatile "All Sorts Man" might be induced to enter as an institute lecturer. He has a poetic way that is quite fetching.

Should the talent that is now touring the country prove to be inefficient there is other talent at the command of county superintendents.

All study and no play makes the teachers dull and uninteresting as well as uninterested. A little brightening up here and a little stirring up there will cause her to feel an interest in herself, which feeling is contagious to such a degree that someone will surely become specially interested in her, someone besides the boys and girls whom she is teaching.

Some people say this kissing business is not worth while. But do they really mean what they say?

As an evidence that it is in good social form we beg to submit the following from a recent issue of Smart Set:

I say risk all for one warm kiss;
I say 'twere better risk the fall,
Like Romeo, to venture all,
And boldly climb to deadly bliss.
I like that savage, Sabine way;
What mighty minstrels came of it!
Their songs are ringing to this day,
The bravest ever sung or writ.
Their loves the love of Juliet,
Of Portia, Desdemonda, yea,
The old true loves are living yet;
And we, we love, we weep, we sigh
In love with loves that will not die.

Then take her, lover, sword in hand,
Hot-blooded and red-handed; clasp
Her sudden, stormy, tall and grand,
And lift her in your iron grasp
And kiss her, kiss her till she cries
From keen, sweet, happy, killing pain.
Aye, kiss her till she seeming dies;
Aye, kiss her till she dies, and then,
Why, kiss her back to life again!
—Joaquin Miller.

IT IS TO SMILE.

They have started hazing, man style, in several of the girls' colleges. Next thing, instead of a cane and free or a bowl fight, they will likely hold a parasol rush or a kimona scrap.—Puck.

Quiverfull—That boy of mine will drive me crazy.

Knottawon—What's his latest?

Quiverfull—Wanted to know how many teams there were in the Epworth league.—Cleveland Leader.

Fuddy—Do you think there is anything immoral in dancing?

Duddy—No, I don't know that I do; but then, somebody has to say there is now and then, in order to keep dancing in fashion.—Boston Transcript.

Smith, the Mormon apostle, says he is above the law, but how about the mother-in-law?—New York Herald.

The Nation's Capital

By L. W. STRAYER.

(BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—There is widespread concern in Washington lest the United States senate will lose one of its most interesting and picturesque characters, the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew. Mr. Depew's term of office expires on March 3, 1905, and within a few weeks the New York legislature will meet and elect his successor. He would like to come back, the people of New York would like to have him come back and the United States senate wants him to be sent back. If the question were left to the people of the country, he would doubtless be elected almost unanimously, for his reputation and popularity have permeated to every section of this land.

But there is one man over in New York who evidently does not want him to come back, and it so happens that this one man's wishes are more likely to prevail than those of the millions of Senator Depew's friends. Gov. Odell, the state chairman, and the man who is credited with controlling the legislature, is supporting Mr. Black for the senate. Senator Platt is backing Mr. Depew. It cannot be denied that at this writing the odds are with Odell and his man, although Platt is still fighting and may demonstrate that in spite of advancing years and the infirmities of age, he has not lost his cunning.

Keeps in the Sunshine.

There is no man who disputes the statement that Senator Depew is the best-known man in the United States today or that he has occupied that place for many years. As an orator for almost half a century he has occupied a position as a leader. As a wit and after-dinner speaker he is the foremost, and no great and important gathering in New York is considered complete without him. His smile is infectious and his wit and humor bubble forth as spontaneously as water from a spring. To see him sitting in his seat in the senate chamber, you would not suspect that he has already passed the allotted age of man. Rather you would put him down as on the sunny side of 60, a man who has lived well all his life and who apparently has a long period between him and the grave. But it must not be forgotten that "our Chauncey" owns up to more than 70, in fact, that he will be nearly 71 when his senatorial term expires, as his birthday comes on April 23. You know he is a bridegroom, too, as he was married in December, 1901, to Miss May Palmer.

Mr. Depew's life has been a busy and active one, from the time he left Yale in 1856 to the present day. But he has not been so busy that he has kept in the shadows; he has enjoyed the sunshine of life and has taken pleasure in spreading its rays among his friends. Today he is a well groomed, smiling, venerable gentleman with a very little gray hair left on top of his head, and the only old-fashioned things about him are the little gray burnsides that he wears on either cheek. He stands as erect as a man of 40 and his step is as elastic and sprightly as it was many years ago.

Always Dabbled in Politics.

Chauncey Depew is a lawyer by profession and a railroad man by occupation. Politics with him has always been a side issue, a diversion in which he has tried to do some good for his party and his country. Three years after he was admitted to the bar, in 1858, he was elected to the New York general assembly and in 1862 he was re-elected. The following year he ran for the office of secretary of state of New York and was elected, although the previous year the Democrats had carried the state. President Lincoln appointed him minister to Japan and his appointment was confirmed by the senate, but Mr. Depew declined the place.

He begun his railroad career in 1866 when he was made attorney for the New York & Harlem Railway Company of which Commodore Vanderbilt had obtained control, and from that date to this he has never severed his connection with the Vanderbilt lines. For a good many years he was president of the New York Central, but in 1899 he turned the active management over to younger men and became president of the boards of directors of the Central, the Lake Shore and the New York, Chicago & St. Louis. But he was never able to keep his fingers out of politics. In his younger years he was appointed clerk of Westchester county and resigned and in 1870 he was made emigration commissioner by the New York legislature, but he declined this job also. Two years later he tried to be elected lieutenant governor of the state on the Greeley ticket, but was defeated and since then he has always been identified with the Republican party.

In 1881 he and Warner Miller were rival candidates for the United States senatorship to succeed Senator Platt, but before the fight came to a finish, Mr. Depew withdrew and gave the place to Miller. Four years after this the senatorship was tendered him, but then he was not in a position to accept it by reason of his business affairs and he was obliged to let the opportunity go. For many years he has been a prominent figure at national conventions of the Republican party and in 1888 he was a candidate for the nomination for president, receiving 99 votes. It was he who nominated Harrison at the convention of 1892. Not a campaign has passed for 40 years that Mr. Depew has not taken an active part, getting out on the stump and doing his share of the real work.

Devotion to Party and Country.

It seemed only justice that after so many years of effort for his party and his country, disinterested effort in the sense that he was not in the game for gain, that Mr. Depew should in 1899 be elected to a seat in the United State senate. Being a national figure, it was only natural that his election should be gratifying to the people of the whole country as well as to his fellow citizens of New York. It is because he is considered a national figure that the danger of his senatorial career ending with the present term is viewed with dissatisfaction by his friends everywhere. They would like to see him remain in the senate, because they believe him to be an able man and a genial one, the sort that is not only a credit to the state he represents, but the pride of all the states. If he is left at home, not only will the senate lose one of its most familiar faces, but official Washington will be robbed of one of its most interesting hosts, and White House guests will miss the greatest of all dispensers of bon mots.

It has been argued by those who are seeking to have Chauncey Depew displaced by another, that he has not made a reputation here as a leader or a great statesman. This charge must be admitted. But in extenuation it is claimed that he has not finished his first term and is still a young senator, as the senate measures these things. One term in the senate does not usually land a senator on the best committees or give him an opportunity to take a leading position in the councils of the government. He must serve his apprenticeship, no matter what his experience may have been in other walks of life or in other legislative bodies.

Statehood Boomers Never Forgave Him.

While Senator Depew is admitted to be one of the leading orators of the country, whose speeches are gems of word construction and brilliant thoughts, yet as a debater he is not so strong. I once heard him make an extended speech on the statehood bill and all the time he was talking he was obviously hampered by facts. Nearly every time he would quote statistics he would be caught up by some of the adherents of the bill and would be obliged to correct himself. Figures were not in his line, as the framework of a speech. But when he told a story in illustration of a point he was rewarded with laughter and applause from the galleries. In describing the territory of New Mexico as a dreary, dry waste of land, he told of an experience he once had on a visit there. He said he had heard so much about the Rio Grande river that he left the train and went on a walk to take a look at this wonderful stream. After walking quite a distance over the sands he asked a native to tell him where the Rio Grande was.

"Why, you are walking on it," replied the native. "Thus," said the senator, "I found that the Rio Grande was characteristic of all the rivers of that country. It had its bottom on top."

This bit of fun poked at the arid lands of New Mexico so aroused the ire of the representatives of that section that they never forgave Senator Depew.

Couldn't Keep a Secret.

Mr. Twaddle—Tommy, you've been a bad boy today, and I shall tell your father all about it when he comes home.

Tommy Twaddle—Aw, that's jest like a woman—can't keep a secret, can you?—Cleveland Leader.

VAIN SEARCH FOR MISSING BONDS

Have Disappeared from Wilkinsburg Treasury and All Trace Apparently Lost.

HARD LUCK OF BOROUGH

Wilkinsburg borough bonds of the face value of $25,000, bearing 3½ per cent interest, have been missing for more than a year, and the only thing that relieves the Wilkinsburg authorities of considerable apprehension is the uncertainty of whether or not they were signed by the burgess and borough clerk. If they were signed and were stolen they will have to be paid some time; if they are not signed the borough is not liable for the amount which they call for.

Wilkinsburg has had bad luck. First one clerk of the borough embezzled money and fled; then another, Jones, embezzled, and was sent to the penitentiary, where he now is. Now comes the disclosure that possibly the borough may be called upon to pay $25,000, with interest, money that Wilkinsburg never received.

About a year and a half ago the citizens of Wilkinsburg voted for a bond issue of $25,000, intending to establish a paid fire department. The borough solicitors, Langfitt & McIntosh, prepared a form of wording for the bonds, turned the copy over to the lithographer, read the proof and when the bonds were printed, turned the blank certificates over to the chairman of the finance committee of council.

Bonds Mysteriously Missing.

The bonds were advertised, but the bond market was tight, and there was no response by bidders to the advertisement. Finally the council decided to put $20,000 worth of the bonds into the sinking fund, and to draw $20,000 out of that fund to use for the fire department. This was done and the sinking fund's $20,000 was soon used up.

Presently the trustees of the sinking fund demanded the bonds. There was a great scurrying for awhile, until it was learned that not one of the bonds could be found. Burgess Horner had in the meantime gone out of office, and he says he thinks he did not sign the bonds. Clerk Jones had in the interim been put away for embezzling $3,500, but he says he did not sign the bonds. Clerk W. K. Elder, Jones' successor, says he did not sign them, and the present burgess, John A. Keys, is pretty certain that he did not attach his signature. The chairman of the finance committee says he gave the blank bonds to Jones. He does not know whether or not the bonds were signed by a burgess and clerk, an act necessary to make them negotiable. The council borrowed on notes $20,000 to pay back into the sinking fund.

Two Installments Are Due.

The bonds were printed when Jones was still clerk, and because of his record Wilkinsburg is uneasy. The only bright lining to the cloud is the fact that the $25,000 is payable in annual installments up to five years, and while two installments, $10,000, are due, none of the bonds and none of the interest coupons has been presented for redemption. That would make it look as if the bonds have merely been mislaid.

The citizens of Wilkinsburg feel, however, that if the bonds have been signed they may some time be presented for redemption, and in that case the borough would have to pay the face value to the "innocent holder," for it is suspected that there are one or two firms of shady brokers in the country who deal in stolen bonds, which they dispose of to investors, who, as innocent holders, would probably be sustained by the courts in a suit to recover the money.

BETTER CONDITIONS CAUSE RISE IN CRUCIBLE VALUE

Secretary Alexander Thomas Makes a Statement Concerning the Steel Company—Property Sale Again On.

Secretary Alexander Thomas of the Crucible Steel Company said yesterday that the advance in the quotations on the preferred stock of the company is due to improved business and not to speculation. He said that the company is sharing in the general betterment of the entire iron and steel trade.

"The earnings are so much larger than formerly that the necessity for issuing bonds is being further and further postponed," he said. "The $7,000,000 will not be needed. It is estimated that not over $5,000,000 will be called for. The interest that would be accumulating on the bonds if they had been issued is now being saved.

"I think the postponement of the renewal of dividend payments on the preferred stock until the debts are better provided for meets with the approval of all who have the interest of the company at heart."

The rumor is current that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Crucible Steel Company have reached an understanding as to the amount to be paid for the Howe-Brown property at Seventeenth street. Negotiations for this were under way some time ago, but were suspended. The property is now the basis of a suit in partition, there being a small interest held by an outsider. With this settled the sale to the railroad is expected to follow. The property is valued close to $1,000,000.

DROVE WIVES INTO STREET.

Two Husbands Were Accused of Gross Violation of Marriage Contract.

Two husbands were before Magistrate Stewart in central police station yesterday morning charged with driving their wives into the street. David Lewis of No. 1713 Arch street was accused of threatening to kill his wife, who sought the wintry blasts of the streets with her baby, to avoid him. She testified that he was an habitual drunkard and had given her but $2 in three months. He was sentenced to 90 days in the workhouse.

Mrs. Annie Lang was found in the street Tuesday night and charged her husband, Charles, with driving her out of their home at No. 73 Stevenson street. He admitted the charge and the fact that he was intoxicated, but upon the plea of his wife and son was discharged after taking the pledge.

Illinoisans Go Wolf Hunting.

BLOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 21.—Hunters from all over central Illinois, assembled in Bureau county today, for a grand wolf hunt. The wolves have been increasing alarmingly of late years, and it was deemed advisable to make an organized attempt at extermination.

FIRST CAR OF GRAIN EXPECTED OVER THE WABASH TODAY.

Today should be one of the red-letter days in Pittsburgh's railway and commercial history, for today the Wabash Railway expects the arrival of the first car of grain ever run over its new line into this city. As though an augury of prosperous times ahead, this car, Wabash No. 65,730, comes to us laden with that most important of all the earth's harvest—corn.

The car started from Magee, La Porte county, Indiana, with 1,560 bushels of prime, yellow ear corn, consigned to Daniel McCaffrey's Sons Company, 716-718 Fifth avenue. This leading hay and grain firm is always well to the front, when an opportunity for enterprise presents itself. Their action in this instance is only in line with their general policy to give their customers first choice of America's grain.

Mr. W. D. Holliday, local freight agent, says the Wabash thus opens up to Pittsburgh and vicinity one of the richest agricultural sections of the United States. This shipment is but the advance guard of an enormous volume of the future business in which the Daniel McCaffrey Sons' Company will, no doubt, have a liberal share. They are in touch with the shippers in this productive region and handle a quantity of its hay and grain.

In these prosaic days we take such happenings very coldly. A few decades ago the bells of this city would have been rung, bands would have serenaded the railway officials, and there would have been a general holiday. The Messrs. McCaffrey, at least, have not been backward, and deserve the felicitations of their fellow townsmen.

LABOR DAY COMMITTEE HELD STORMY MEETING

Refused to Give Out Statement Showing Disbursement of Money Left in Treasury.

The general committee of the Labor day demonstration closed up its affairs last night by selling a desk and revolving chair, valued at $40, to Thomas Blackburn for $7, and donating $80 toward entertaining the American Federation of Labor, which is to meet in Pittsburgh next November. What became of the remaining money, estimated at about $300 could not be learned. The meeting was held with the utmost secrecy, those present fastening the transom so their deliberations could not be heard in the hall.

It was evident from the noise heard outside the room that the meeting was a stormy one. Some members of the soliciting committees were charged with irregularities, while others were accused of neglecting their duties. Some of the collectors secured money but failed to turn it in to the proper authorities. Charges and countercharges were made, but what they were and against whom are not even recorded in the secretary's books.

One of the fights was between the A. F. of L. lieutenants, who are making, or will make, their living inducing workmen to support Samuel Gompers' organization, and the representatives of the Knights of Labor. The Gompers agents wanted a large sum to entertain the convention next year, but the Knights of Labor delegates refused. The dispute did not come to blows, as a compromise was effected by donating $80 to the A. F. of L. cause.

ELECTED BUSINESS AGENT.

Barbers Plan to Unionize All Shops in Greater Pittsburgh.

For the first time in the history of the local barbers' union it has a business agent. He was elected last night. It is Joseph Malzone, who also fills the position of corresponding and financial secretary. The other officers elected were: President, H. J. Carey; vice president, R. H. Albrecht; second vice president, R. Moorhead; treasurer, J. Firest; guide, G. E. Phillips; guardian, P. Geisterger; finance committee, L. Vito, M. Theroux, G. E. Phillips; trustees, H. J. Zwigart, C. Vogeli, F. Theise.

Mr. Malzone has been an ardent worker for the organization since it was formed. It is largely through his efforts that the barber shops have better conditions, including shorter workdays and more holidays. The shops in the downtown district are nearly all organized and an effort is to be made to get the workmen in the out-of-town shops in the union.

BRIDGE SUIT TESTIMONY HAS ALL BEEN SUBMITTED

The taking of testimony in the Dauphin county court in the suit to determine the right of the city to collect toll from the street car company for crossing the Smithfield street bridge was concluded yesterday and the case will be argued after the Christmas holidays. About $50,000 of tolls in arrears and the future tolls are involved.

CAROLINE SMITH AWARDED $48,600

Viewers Allow Her That Sum for Property Used for Jail Extension.

WILL PROBABLY NOT ACCEPT

Caroline Smith has been awarded $48,600 for her property in Old avenue, which the county has taken by condemnation proceedings. It is part of the plot upon which the addition to the jail is being erected.

The commissioners offered $46,800 for the lot, which is 36x70. They considered $1,300 a foot front for Old avenue property a very good price. The owner insisted upon securing $78,000 and the county refused to purchase. It was necessary to obtain the lot for the jail extension and condemnation proceedings were resorted to. When the court approved the bond offered by the commissioners, the county razed the buildings on the Smith lot and the new wing of the jail is now in course of erection.

Commissioner J. C. Mercer says the county is willing to pay $48,600 for the property. He expects, however, the owner of the lot will take an appeal. This may cause a great deal of litigation, but in the meanwhile the building of the jail extension will continue.

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Evergreen decorations. Large stock. Small prices.
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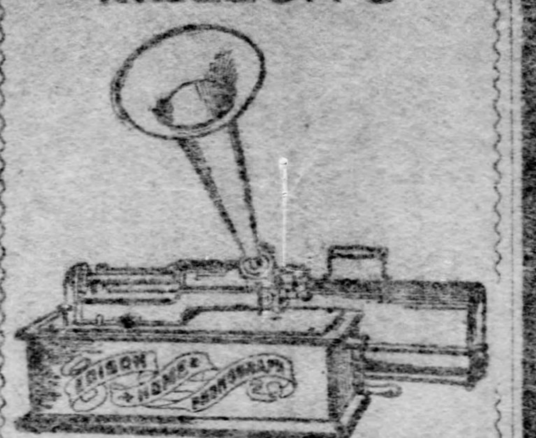

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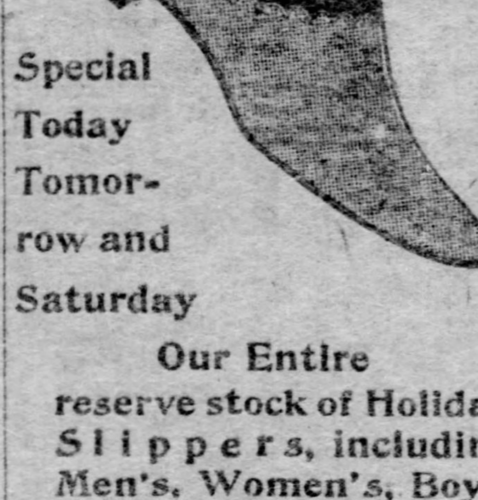

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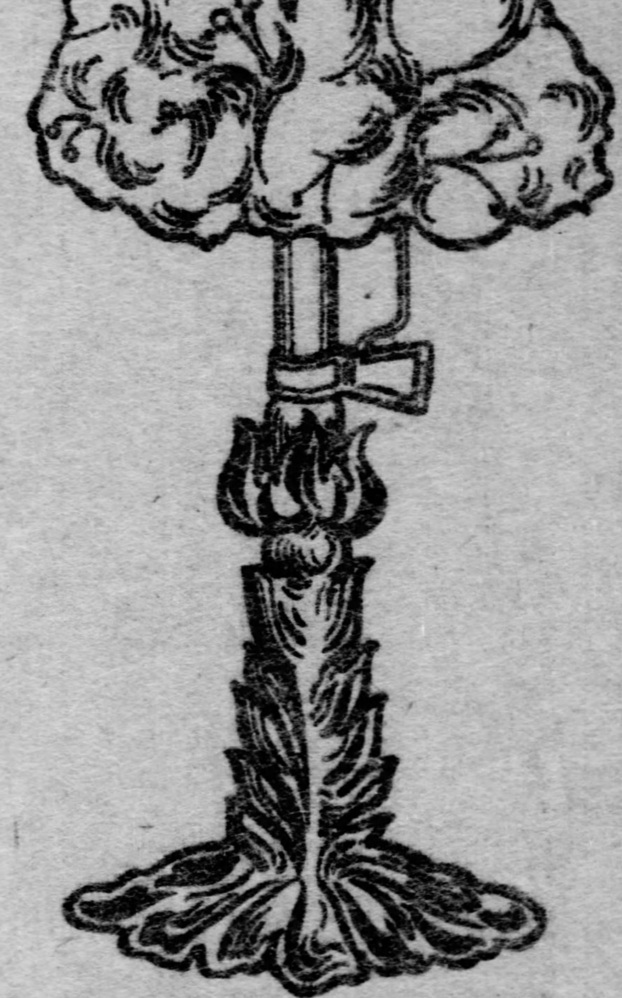

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Famous Biddle Bros.' Play,
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THE NEW ALVIN Week of December 19th.
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The best of all military plays,
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SEAT SALE NOW IN PROGRESS
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"Making a New Street in Amsterdam," by George Hendrik Breitner.

In North Gallery, West Wall. Catalogue Number 34.

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EIGHT-HOUR REST LAW FOR RAILROAD MEN

Bill Introduced in Congress Proposes Intermission in Day's Work.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—It is proposed by Representative Norris of Nebraska to enact what is known among railway men as the eight-hour rest rule into law and give the interstate commerce commission the power to see that it is enforced.

By the provisions of the Norris bill that was introduced today it shall not be lawful to employ trainmen, engineers, dispatchers or telegraph operators on railways engaged in interstate commerce for a longer period than 24 hours without a rest of eight hours intervening. The intent of the bill is to give men in the train service eight hours rest between trips. This idea is incorporated into the rules of most of the large systems, but is not always enforced.

There is a provision in the bill that makes it not applicable in the case of unavoidable accidents which will permit railways to employ men extra time in clearing up wrecks. The enforcement of the law is placed in the hands of the interstate commerce commission, which is empowered to investigate all alleged violations and report them to the courts in the districts in which they occur. A fine of $500 is attached to each violation.

L. W. STRAYER.

DENVER JAILS FULL OF ELECTION JUDGES

Twenty-Three Now Serving Sentences File Petitions for Rehearing and Alleviation of Penalty.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

DENVER, Dec. 21.—The report presented to the supreme court today, by the handwriting experts who examined the ballots in the box from precinct two, ward four of this city, showed that of 356 votes, 140 Democratic ballots had been written by five persons, one of whom had written 119. Four ballots with the Republican heading had been written by two persons.

Edward Sweeny, an election judge threw himself on the mercy of the court. He said his wife was dead, and he wished to take her remains to Chicago. Chief Justice Gabbert took the case under consideration.

Each of the 23 men now serving sentences in jail for contempt of court has filed a petition for a rehearing and alleviation of sentence.

DID NOT SEE THEIR FUTURE.

Fortune Tellers Held for Court on Evidence of a Local Constable.

Several alleged fortune tellers who could not foretell their own fortunes and did not seem to know when they were in danger from a constable who was securing evidence against them, were given a hearing by Alderman O'Toole yesterday. One was committed to jail for trial at court, but the others were able to furnish bail.

The victims were Madame Lelcester of 532 Smithfield street, Madame E. J. Demarest of Lacock and Anderson streets, Allegheny and Madame Mary Webb of 326 East Lacock street, Allegheny. Madame Alice Marion of 325 Penn avenue will be given a hearing this afternoon.

ORDERED 2,000 STEEL CARS.

Pittsburgh Coal Company Makes a Big Addition to Equipment.

The Pittsburgh Coal Company has ordered from the American Car and Foundry Company 2,000 steel coal cars. The contract is said to be the largest ever given by a coal company and its money value is in the neighborhood of $2,000,000. Delivery is to be made from March 1 to July 15.

Of the cars 600 are intended expressly for the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company, which is controlled by the larger concern. The cars are to have a normal capacity of 90,000 pounds with an overload capacity up to 100,000 pounds.

HONOR MEN NAMED.

Two Pittsburgh Medical Students Rank High in Scholarships at University of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Dr. Charles H. Frazier, dean of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, today announced the names of the 25 students in the senior class standing highest in scholarship. Included in the list of honor men are Clarence Herbert Gerhard, Reading; Arthur Bruce Gil, Greensburg; Howard Gustav Schlister, Pittsburgh; Henry Martyn Metcalf, Elyria, O., and Frank Dake Dickson, Pittsburgh.

FATHER IS AN HEIR.

Mrs. Agnes Molloy of Philadelphia Wants to Find James Connoly.

Mrs. Agnes Molloy of 2323 South Fifteenth street, Philadelphia, made inquiry yesterday of Superintendent of Detectives McQuaide for her father, James Connoly, whom she believes is in this city but was unable to find.

Connoly's brother Richard died in Philadelphia recently and left a small estate and the man sought for is one of his heirs. It cannot be settled until Mrs. Molloy's father is found.

LOAD OF HAY CAUGHT FIRE AND HORSES RAN AWAY

Residents of Eighth avenue, Mifflin township, were treated to an exciting spectacle yesterday afternoon, when a wagon load of hay, blazing fiercely, raced through the street behind a team of frightened horses. The wagon and hay was owned by James Wilson, a farmer of Mifflin township. He was taking the hay to the South Side and it is thought that the load became ignited from a bon fire, which had been started in the street by Italian laborers working on a pipe line. The hay and wagon were destroyed. Wilson and the horses escaped injury.

MANAGERS TO CONSIDER MR. CARNEGIE'S OFFER

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the Benjamin Franklin fund managers of this city today, a letter was read from President Pritchett of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, containing a proposition from Andrew Carnegie to duplicate the present amount of the fund, $400,000, provided the total be devoted to the establishment of a school for the industrial training of men and women. Mr. Carnegie further stipulated the city of Boston should furnish a site. The board voted to thank Mr. Carnegie for his offer, and to give the matter early consideration.

The Death Roll.

John Jahn.

John Jahn, aged 77, a well-known resident of Castle Shannon, and for years a business man of Smithfield street, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning of a complication of diseases at Riverside, Cal., where he went three weeks ago in the hope of benefiting his health. Mr. Jahn was a native of Germany and came to Pittsburgh 52 years ago. He was engaged in the shoe business in Smithfield street for years. He retired from active business life 30 years ago and removed to Castle Shannon. Mr. Jahn for some years was superintendent of the Pittsburgh & Castle Shannon railroad and secretary of the company. At the time of his death he was a director in the Germania Savings bank of Pittsburgh. He was a member of the First Evangelical German Protestant church, Smithfield street and Sixth avenue, and of Solomon lodge No. 231, F. and A. M. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Jahn, and four children: Mrs. Louis Brehm of this city, Mrs. Frank D. Treth of Knoxville, Miss Laura Jahn, at home, and John Jahn, Jr., of Riverside, Cal. Mr. Jahn's remains will be brought to his home for interment.

Samuel Whitehouse.

Samuel Whitehouse, aged 72, father of former Police Inspector Henry Whitehouse, died yesterday at his home, 17 Soho street. For 42 years he had been one of the best known residents of the Fourteenth ward. He was born in the Second ward and attended the schools there. In the days of the old volunteer fire department he was a member of the Duquesne company and was one of the hardest workers in the department. He was afterward a member of No. 4 engine company when the paid department was organized. For a number of years he acted as market constable. During the Civil war he served in Company H, One Hundred and First Pennsylvania volunteers. He was a member of Col. J. C. Hull Post 157, G. A. R. At the time of his death he was constable of the Fourteenth ward. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in the soldier's plot in Homewood cemetery. Mr. Whitehouse is survived by his wife and three sons, Henry, Samuel and Thomas.

Mrs. Jacob L. Schwartz.

Mrs. Evaline McDowell Schwartz, aged 82, died yesterday at her home, Penn and Lexington avenues, of old age. Mrs. Schwartz was born in Pittsburgh and spent all of her long life in this city. She was the widow of Jacob L. Schwartz, who was a member of the drug firm of B. L. Fahnestock & Co., now George A. Kelly & Co. Mr. Schwartz died in 1868. Mrs. Schwartz was a charter member of the Third Presbyterian church. She was connected with many of the charitable institutions of the city before age compelled her to relinquish her labors, and was known for her many works of mercy to the sick and needy. For the last 14 years she had made her home at Penn and Lexington avenues, but before that had resided in North avenue, Allegheny, since her marriage in 1842. She is survived by three daughters—Mrs. George S. Griscom, Mrs. Gilbert M. Black and Miss Evaline Schwartz. Her grandsons, George S. Griscom, Jr., J. E. Schwartz and F. M. Schwartz, are all well-known business men of this city.

Joseph Marlin Lowry.

Joseph Marlin Lowry was found dead early yesterday morning in the bathroom of his home at 1440 Fayette street, Allegheny. His death was caused by acute indigestion. Mr. Lowry was born in Strongstown, Indiana county, 59 years ago. When 16 years old he enlisted in the Seventy-eighth Pennsylvania volunteers and served three years. After the war he went west and for three terms was district attorney of Brown county, Illinois. He returned to Indiana, and during the first administration of Gov. Pattison Mr. Lowry was chief clerk of the adjutant general's department. When he retired from office he came to Pittsburgh and was in the employ of the Carnegie Steel Company until about a year ago. Ten days ago he was given an appointment in the office of Clerk of Courts F. K. Barr. Mr. Lowry was a member of Indiana post 28, Grand Army of the Republic, and Union Veteran Legion encampment No. 1 of this city. Funeral services will be held at his late residence this evening, and the remains will tomorrow be taken to Indiana for interment. Mr. Lowry is survived by his widow and two children.

William Chicman.

William Chicman, aged 80, died yesterday at his home at Bakerstown station, Richland township, of pneumonia. He removed to Bakerstown station two years ago from Pittsburgh, where he had been employed as an iron molder for 33 years. His wife, whom he married 27 years ago, survives him, with one son and one daughter. He was a member of Knights of Malta commandery No. 203 and of St. John's Episcopal church, Pittsburgh. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his brother-in-law, Edwin Ogden, 5134 Keystone street, Pittsburgh.

George Pfender.

George Pfender, aged 21, a son of John S. Pfender, died at noon yesterday at the home of his parents, 824 Boquet street, McKees Rocks. About a week ago he contracted a severe cold, which resulted in inflammation of the stomach. He is survived by his parents, two sisters and six brothers. Funeral services will be held in St. John's Lutheran church, McKees Rocks, on Saturday.

Obituary Notes.

Frank Hays Stright, aged 28, a draughtsman in the office of the American locomotive works in Allegheny, died of typhoid fever yesterday morning at his home, 1310 Juniata street, Allegheny. His widow and two children survive.

Dr. Edward Hooker Dewey, aged 67, who became prominent in recent years through his lectures and writings on nutrition, died yesterday at his home in Meadville, Pa., of paralysis, after a long illness. He is survived by his widow and three sons.

Mrs. Frederick Catherine Wolff is dead at Charleroi, aged 35 years. She was the wife of Frederick Wolff, manager of the Hamilton glass factory. Death was due to pneumonia. Mrs. Wolff, whose maiden name was Hildebrand, was born in the First ward, Pittsburgh. Interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery, Pittsburgh, Friday afternoon.

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ANTHONY—On Tuesday, December 20, 1904, at 3:45 p. m., MARY EVANS ANTHONY, relict of Edward Anthony, aged 77 years.

Funeral services on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. J. E. Gould, head of Twenty-second street incline, South Side. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

CAUGHEY—On Wednesday, December 21, 1904, at 5:30 o'clock p. m., MRS. MARGARET JANE CAUGHEY, widow of John Caughey, in her 89th year.

Funeral from her late residence, Beaver, Pa., on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JAHN—At Riverside, Cal., on Wednesday, December 21, 1904, at 2 o'clock a. m., JOHN JAHN of Castle Shannon, in his 71st year.

Notice of funeral on arrival of remains.

ELLIS—On Tuesday, December 20, 1904, at 9 a. m., at her residence, No. 212 Kennedy avenue, Allegheny, MRS. SARAH S., widow of James Ellis, aged 76 years.

Funeral services at the residence, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private.

(Philadelphia papers please copy.)

FORTUNE—On Wednesday, December 21, 1904, at 7:50 a. m., ELIZABETH, only child of James and Lillian Fortune, aged 1 year and 11 months.

Funeral from parents' residence, No. 30 Ulysses street, Mt. Washington, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HOLLOWAY—Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 20, 1904, at 7:30 p. m., EMMELINE HARVEY HOLLOWAY, widow of Daniel M. Holloway, formerly of Salem, O., aged 69 years, at the residence of her son, W. P. Holloway, 9 Norton avenue, Mt. Washington.

Funeral services on Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church at Salem, O.

JOHNSTON—On Wednesday, December 21, 1904, at 1 a. m., HENRY JOHNSTON, aged 71 years.

Funeral services at his late residence, No. 1719 Fahnestock avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa., this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private.

M'CARTHY—At Wilkinsburg, on Tuesday, December 20, 1904, at 8 o'clock p. m., MARY H., wife of C. C. McCarthy.

Funeral services will be held at her late home, 1316 Wood street, Wilkinsburg, on Friday, December 23, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m. Interment private.

NEWELL—Suddenly, on Wednesday, December 21, 1904, at 8 a. m., MARIA, wife of James Newell.

Notice of funeral later.

PHELAN—On Tuesday, December 20, 1904, at noon, the Rt. Rev. RICHARD PHELAN, bishop of Pittsburgh.

Office for the dead will be chanted at the Church of the Epiphany on Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock, followed by pontifical mass of requiem. Please omit flowers.

ROBERTS—On Wednesday, December 21, 1904, at 2 p. m., J. SNOWDEN ROBERTS, son of John H. and Margaret Snowden Roberts, at his residence, 207 Coltart square, in his 38th year, of diphtheria.

SCHWARTZ—On Wednesday, December 21, 1904, at 9 a. m., EVELINE M'DOWELL, widow of Jacob L. Schwartz, in the 82d year of her age.

Funeral services at her late residence, corner Penn and Lexington avenues, Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment private.

STRIGHT—On Tuesday, December 20, 1904, at 10:55 p. m., FRANK HAYS STRIGHT, husband of Sara Morrow, at his residence, 1310 Juniata street, Allegheny, of typhoid fever. Leaves a widow and two sons, Benjamin Morrow and Frank Hays, Jr.

Funeral services this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence. Interment private.

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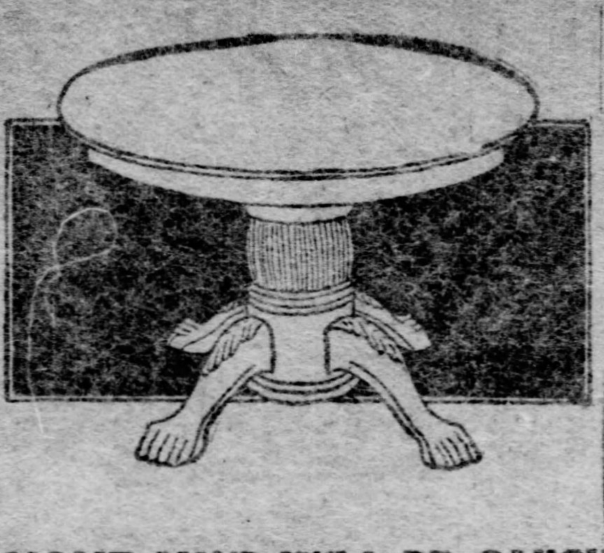

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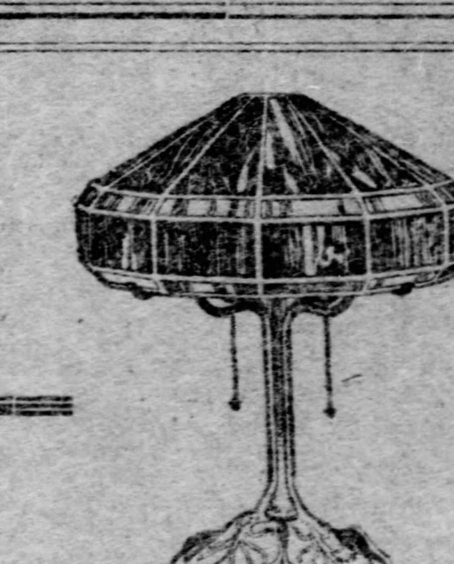

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BISHOP'S BODY RESTS ON COUCH

Remains of the Right Rev. Richard Phelan Will Lie in State Tomorrow.

FUNERAL SERVICE ARRANGED

Clad in the official robes of office, surrounded by the emblems of exalted ecclesiastical dignity, the body of Bishop Phelan lies at the temporary episcopal residence, the parsonage of the church of the Epiphany. The body was taken to the parsonage yesterday from the Idlewood orphan asylum, where the bishop died.

The body lies upon a couch in the room at the right of the entrance to the house. It is clad in the episcopal purple cape and rochet; on the feet are the episcopal slippers, alongside the crozier, the shepherd's crook is planted, and the mitre is suspended close by. At the head of the corpse-candles are burning. The room is decorated with palms, but, according to rule and custom, no flowers are in the room.

The bishop's body was taken from the orphan asylum shortly before 2 p. m. At 11 o'clock it had been removed from the room where the bishop died and carried downstairs and through the long corridor leading to the front door. All the children in the asylum were lined up on either side of the hall.

Removal to the City.

The casket was put into the hearse and was brought to the city, followed by Bishop Canevin, Chancellor William Kittell, Vicar General F. L. Tobin and 17 other priests, among whom were the Revs. Michael Lynch of the orphan asylum, P. J. Quilter, Joseph Keane and J. W. O'Connell, all in carriages. Crowds gathered along the roadside as the procession passed. Arrived at the Epiphany temporary episcopal residence, the casket was carried into the house, the body was removed and placed upon a couch in the room prepared for its reception.

Two policemen, Matthew Cassidy and James McEvoy, were stationed at the door, where they remained until 11 p. m. Inside the house was a guard of honor composed of members of the Catholic Lyceum, who directed the visitors to the room and were relieved at midnight by four other guards, who remained with the corpse until morning. The guard was composed of George A. McLaughlin, R. E. L. Coughlin, E. D. Seitz, Oliver Morrison, Jeremiah Dunlevy, Joseph Cawley, P. B. Riley and C. A. Collins.

Visitors to see the body were few until evening, when they began to arrive in great numbers, and it was not until almost 11 o'clock when the stream ceased and the doors could be closed.

Lying in State in Church.

At 1 p. m. today the body will be taken into the Epiphany church and from then until 9 p. m. will lie in state. The railing before the sanctuary has been taken down and a platform, flush with the sanctuary floor, has been built out into the church. Steps lead up to the platform from the middle aisle and down to both side aisles. The catafalque holding the body will be placed in the center of the platform. The church has been draped in black.

The services will begin at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow with the offices for the dead, chanted by the priests of the diocese. Pontificial requiem mass, with Bishop Canevin as celebrant, will follow. A choir composed of secular priests and priests of several orders will sing the mass in Gregorian chant. Bishop Donahoe of Wheeling, W. Va., will preach the funeral sermon. The officers of the mass will be as follows: Bishop Canevin, celebrant; assistant priest, F. L. Tobin of Pittsburgh; auxiliary, Bishop Pendergrast, Philadelphia; deacon, Very Rev. J. Rommelfanger, Butler, Pa.; subdeacon, Very Rev. M. A. Lambing, Scottdale; master of ceremonies, Rev. M. M. Sweeny. The funeral sermon will be rendered by Rt. Rev. P. J. Donahoe, D. D., bishop of the Wheeling diocese. The remains will be interred in the priests' lot in St. Mary's cemetery.

The honorary pall bearers will be H. Machin, James Curran, J. C. Reilly, John Farrell, L. Vilsack, J. Dunlevy, J. D. Callery, Frank J. Totten, Edward Kelly, Jr., John Kelly, J. J. Flannery, William Loeffler, James P. Quinn, Frank T. Lauinger, T. A. Dunn, A. S. McSwigan, A. J. Barr, Charles W. Houston, F. J. Weixel, E. F. Jackman, W. F. Robertshaw, Joseph Goodman, Edward A. Woods, Jacob Friday and B. J. Stenger.

Bishops from Other Dioceses.

All the bishops of the province of Philadelphia, to which the Pittsburgh diocese belongs, will be present at the funeral, except Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, and Bishop Shanahan of Harrisburg, who are both ill. Among the bishops outside the province who will positively be present are Bishop John Foley of Detroit, who was a classmate of Bishop Phelan at the seminary in Baltimore, and Bishops Hortman of Cleveland. Among other prelates will be Mgr. O'Connell of the Catholic university of Washington, Mgrs. Thorp and Houck of Cleveland, Mgr. Sprecht of Columbus, Father Walter Elliott of the Paulist Fathers, Father Dyer of Baltimore; the Very Rev. William O'Harra of Mt. St. Mary's seminary, Bishop Curtis, the vicar general of Baltimore, and the Very Rev. P. G. Garvey of Philadelphia.

BISHOP'S DEATH DEPLORED.

Resolutions of Sympathy Passed at Annual Meeting of Corpus Christi Total Abstinence Society.

Officers of the Corpus Christi Total Abstinence society were chosen for the coming year at a meeting held last night in the lyceum at Agnew and Lincoln avenues. The election resulted as follows: President, W. Thomas Beane; vice presidents, Michael B. Cull and Albert W. McKelvey; secretary, Joseph Schren; treasurer, Joseph Whalen; delegates to the diocesan union, Jerome O'Brien, Gerald Buxton and Frank Smith; marshal, Joseph Whalen, Jr.; spiritual director, the Rev. Father John Beane.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved bishop, the Right Rev. Richard Phelan, and

Whereas, By a life of purity and rectitude he has won the respect and esteem of all our citizens, irrespective of creed or nationality, for the breadth and liberality of his ideas in the management of the diocese, and which has done much to bring about a more friendly feeling among our many peoples.

Resolved, That upon this occasion we express our sincere affection and respect for the memory of our late bishop, who has endeared himself to the people of this state, regardless of creed, because of his broad Christianity, his unfaltering courage in the path of right, and his sterling civic virtues, and that the prayers of the society be offered for the repose of his soul.

SCHOOLS CLOSE TOMORROW.

Pittsburgh Scholars Return January 3, Allegheny Pupils Day Earlier.

Pittsburgh public schools will close tomorrow afternoon for the holidays and will not open until Tuesday morning, January 3. Allegheny schools will also close tomorrow afternoon, but will reopen Monday morning, January 2. In many of the institutions exercises will be held tomorrow afternoon.

The Carnegie library, museum and art galleries will close at 6 o'clock Saturday evening to reopen at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Allegheny Carnegie library will keep its reading and reference rooms open from 1 to 9:45 o'clock on Christmas day, but the building will be closed all day on Monday.

Postmasters Are Recommended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Representative Woodyard of West Virginia has recommended the appointment of F. E. Amos as postmaster at Tanner, Gilmer county, and Daniel Rollins as postmaster at Central Station, Dodridge county.

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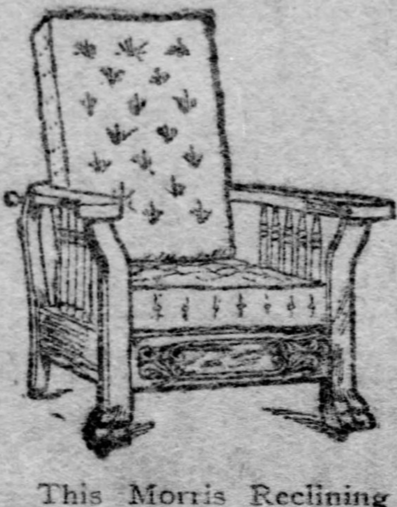
SURE DELIVERY—ALL ORDERS RECEIVED UP TO SATURDAY NIGHT WILL BE DELIVERED BEFORE CHRISTMAS



This Morris Reclining Chair, golden oak or mahogany finish frame. Reversible velour cushions. Brass ratchet back adjustment. Value $12.50 .... $7.50

$6.75 Cash, or 30 Days.

Hearth and Room-Size Rugs For Presents

Several hundred more Rugs at under-prices. Such good luck never came before, as far back as we can remember. Bargains usually waited until January.

Wilton Hearth Rugs $2.90

SIZE 36 INCHES BY 63 INCHES.

Regular $4 Rugs. Beautiful colors and patterns. Such as are found only in these fine Wilton Velvet weaves. A variety to select from. $2.61 Cash, or in 30 Days.

The same rugs, size 27 inches by 54 inches. Just the right size for the dresser $1.85

$1.67 Cash, or in 30 Days.

Avon Room-Size Rugs—9 ft. by 12 ft., $4.65

Handsome set Patterns. Colors impervious to water. Reversible. Large, medium or small patterns. Good value at a little price. **$4.19 Cash, or 30 Days.**

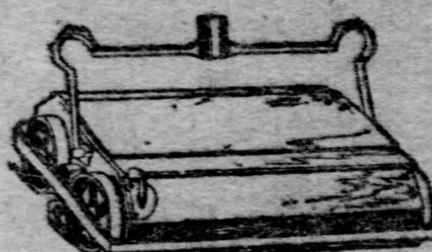
Brussels Room-Size Rugs, $19.75 and $23.75

Values you've wished for. A long line of patterns. Pure wool face. Beautiful colors. The best grade and next to best. Size 9 feet by 12 feet. **$17.78 or $21.37 Cash, or 30 Days.**

Wilton Velvet Room Rugs—9 ft. by 12 ft., $25.50

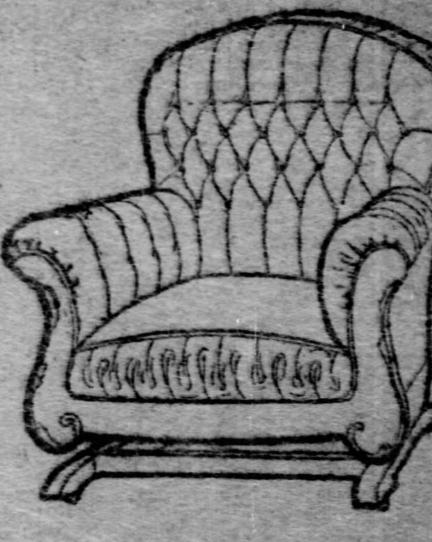
Regular $30 and $35 Rugs. Two kinds—seamless or sewed. Beautiful medallion patterns in all the popular color combinations. Choice of entire line—none reserved. **$22.95 Cash or 30 Days.**

Bissell's Carpet Sweepers.
An Entire Line of Bissell's Guaranteed Sweepers.



The largest display in the city. The kind that sweeps clean. The best at each price—$2, $2.75, $3.25, $3.75, $4.25.

10% Discount if you pay Cash, or in 30 Days.



Leather Rockers, $22 to $45. This large Leather Rocker, with mahogany finish or golden oak frame. Tufted back and arms. Ruffled front and edge $45

$40.50 Cash, or in 30 Days.

Desks.

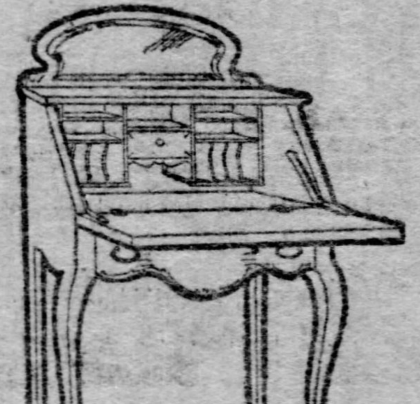
$5.75 to $45.00

This desk is in quartered golden oak. Hand-polished outside and inside $5.75

$5.18 Cash, or in 30 Days.

Golden Oak or Mahogany finish Rocker. Cobbler seat. Value $5.50 .... $4.50

$4.05 Cash, or in 30 Days.



A Fine Desk

At moderate price. Quartered golden oak or genuine mahogany front. Pattern French bevel mirror. Value $15.00 .... $9.00

$8.10 Cash, or in 30 Days.

Gold Chairs At New Prices

Round Chairs, Corner Chairs, Straight Chairs, Roman Chairs, Beautiful designs. Seats in fine damasks.

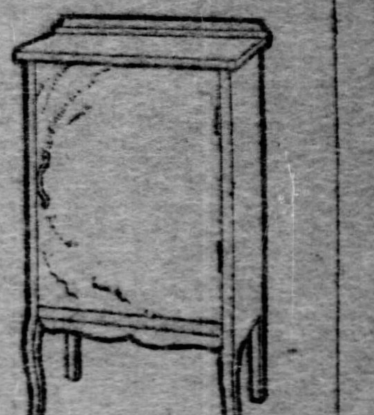
$2.50 for the gold chair shown in illustration. Damask seat. Reduced from $4.50.

Music Cabinets.

Beautiful designs in all the popular woods. $7.75 to $35.

This Music Cabinet in quartered golden oak. Seven shelves inside $7.75

$6.97 Cash, or 30 Days.



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RAILROADS.

PITTSBURGH & LAKE ERIE R. R.
CLEVELAND SHORT LINE.
Schedule in Effect Nov. 27, 1904.

CENTRAL TIME.	Depart.	Arrive.
Chicago & Cleve. "Flyer"	* 7:00 am	* 9:45 pm
Cleveland "Flyer"	* 7:00 am	* 6:30 pm
Youngst'n & Cleve. Mail	* 8:30 am	* 5:10 pm
Buffalo and Erie Express	* 8:30 am	† 7:15 pm
Buffalo and Eastern Exp.	†12:35 pm	† 7:15 pm
Lake Chaut'qua Fast Line	*12:25 pm	* 6:30 am
Buffalo and Erie Express	† 5:00 pm	* 9:45 pm
Cleveland and Chicago Ex.	* 2:30 pm	*12:30 pm
Boston Special	† 5:00 pm	* 6:35 am
Cleve. & Detroit "Flyer"	* 6:15 pm	*11:15 am
Chicago Limited	* 6:15 pm	* 6:35 pm
Buffalo and Cleveland Ex.	*10:20 pm	* 6:35 pm
Youngstown Accom.	† 5:30 am	* 9:00 am
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 6:40 am	† 5:35 am
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 8:00 am	* 9:30 am
New Castle Accom.	‡11:55 am	† 4:15 pm
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 3:30 am	†12:15 am
New Castle Express	† 4:20 pm	† 7:30 am
New Castle Express	† 9:30 am	† 1:10 pm
Beaver Falls Express	† 5:25 pm	† 6:30 am
Brownsville Accom.	† 6:10 am	† 6:45 am
Brownsville & N. Hav. Ex.	* 8:00 am	* 8:00 am
McKeesp't & Brownsville	†11:50 am	†12:20 pm
Brownsville & N. Haven	† 3:30 pm	† 4:50 pm
Brownsville & N. Haven	* 5:20 pm	* 5:45 pm

P., C. & Y. trains for Carnegie, Bendling and Beechmont, †5:30 a. m., †9:50 a. m.

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. ‡Sunday only. ‡Note—Daily train (Sunday, Youngstown only).

City ticket office, 357 Fifth ave., Park bldg.

J. B. YOHE, Gen. Supt. — L. A. ROBISON, Gen. Pass. Agent. — Pittsburgh, Pa.

BESSEMER & LAKE ERIE R. R.

Trains leave B. & O. depot, Allegheny (Eastern Standard time), for Conneaut, O., Erie, Girard, Meadville and Conneaut Lake at 8:15 a. m. and 1:15 p. m.; for Greenville, Mercer, Grove City and Keister at 8:15 a. m., 1:10 and 3:00 p. m. All trains daily except Sunday. E. D. COMSTOCK, G. P. A., Pittsburgh, Pa.

RAILROADS.

Pittsburgh Union Station.

Pennsylvania Lines.

By Central Standard Time.

TRAINS.	LEAVE.	ARRIVE.
Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis	* 1.10 am	* 1.45 am
Fort Wayne and Chicago	* 2.15 am	* 2.15 am
Tiffin and Toledo	* 3.15 am	* 5.30 pm
Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Louis	* 4.50 am	* 6.00 am
Columbus and Cincinnati	* 4.50 am	* 8.40 pm
Alliance and Crestline	† 5.00 am	* 5.30 pm
Cleveland and Bellaire	† 5.20 am	† 7.25 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 5.20 am	‡ 6.55 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	† 5.20 am	† 1.05 pm
New Castle and Erie	* 6.30 am	† 8.20 pm
New Castle and Erie	* 6.30 am	†10.35 am
Youngstown and Ashtabula	‡ 6.30 am	‡ 5.50 pm
Ohio Valley Express	† 6.50 am	† 8.30 pm
Salem and Alliance	* 7.00 am	†10.40 pm
Fort Wayne and Chicago	* 7.00 am	* 5.50 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 7.30 am	† 4.35 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	‡ 7.30 am	‡ 6.55 pm
Mercer and Oil City	† 7.35 am	†10.35 am
Jamestown and New Castle	† 7.35 am	† 1.20 pm
Jamestown and New Castle	† 7.35 am	* 8.25 am
Youngstown and Ashtabula	‡ 7.35 am	‡ 8.20 pm
The Cleveland Express	* 8.00 am	* 8.40 pm
Columbus and Cincinnati	* 8.00 am	* 5.40 pm
The Toledo Special	*11.30 am	* 8.20 pm
Columbus and Chicago	*12.15 pm	* 2.00 pm
Youngstown, Ashtabula & Jamest'n	†12.35 pm	‡ 5.50 pm
Jamestown and Ashtabula	†12.35 pm	†10.35 am
Cleveland and Bellaire	† 1.25 pm	† 1.05 pm
Alliance and Mansfield	* 1.35 pm	† 1.00 pm
The St. Louis Special	* 2.00 pm	* 2.15 pm
East Liverpool and Steubenville	† 4.02 pm	† 7.40 am
New Castle and Erie	† 4.30 pm	‡ 5.50 pm
Mercer and Oil City	† 4.30 pm	† 8.20 pm
Niles and Youngstown	* 4.30 pm	‡ 1.20 pm
Jamestown, Youngstown and Niles	* 4.30 pm	* 6.50 pm
The Cleveland Special	* 5.00 pm	*11.15 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 5.02 pm	† 8.40 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	‡ 5.10 pm	‡ 9.10 am
The Chicago Special	* 6.30 pm	* 7.45 am
Columbus and Indianapolis	* 8.10 pm	* 5.55 am
The St. Louis Limited	* 8.10 pm	* 5.55 am
Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville	* 8.15 pm	* 6.00 am
The Pennsylvania Limited	* 8.15 pm	* 6.00 am
Toledo and Detroit Express	* 8.20 pm	* 5.55 am
Beaver Falls and New Castle	†10.40 pm	* 5.50 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	*11.00 pm	* 5.40 am

Leave for Washington, Pa., †6.00 am, †7.30 am, †9.00 am, †9.45 am, †1.50 pm, †3.10 pm, †4.10 pm, ‡5.15 pm, †5.20 pm, †6.20 pm, †9.20 pm, †10.50 pm.

Leave for Wheeling, †6.50 am, *8.20 am, †11.40 am, †2.80 pm, *6.15 pm.

Leave for Steubenville, *5.40 am, †8.25 am, †4.25 pm, †10.55 pm, ‡11.35 am.

Leave for Dennison, *5.40 am, †2.80 pm.

Leave Allegheny for Salem and Alliance, †8.25 pm.

*Every day. †Week days only. ‡Sundays only.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

(Eastern Standard Time.)

Leave Station, Smithfield and Water Sts.

LINES WEST.	Depart.	Arrive.
Cumberland Accom.	* 6:30 am	* 9:20 pm
Connells. & Mt. Pleasant	† 6:30 am	†10:00 am
Wash., Balt. & N. York	* 8:00 am	* 7:45 pm
Conn'v, Un'tn & Fairm't	* 8:00 am	* 7:45 pm
West Newton Accom.	† 9:15 am	† 8:00 am
Cumb., Wash. & Balt.	* 1:00 pm	* 2:45 pm
Conn., Un'tn, Morgant'n	† 1:35 pm	†10:00 am
Connels. & Mt. Pleasant	† 1:35 pm	† 5:05 pm
Connellsville Accom.	* 4:00 pm	† 5:05 pm
Morgantown, Clarksburg and Weston	† 5:00 pm	†12:50 pm
Philadelphia & New York (Duquesne Limited)	* 6:30 pm	* 9:00 am
West Newton Accom.	† 6:40 pm	† 1:30 pm
Wash., Balt. & Phila.	* 9:00 pm	* 7:15 am
LINES WEST VIA WHEELING.		
Columbus & Cincin. Exp.	‡12:05 am	....
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheel. Ac.	* 7:00 am	* 7:45 am
Col., Cin. & St. L. Exp.	* 8:30 am	* 7:45 am
Wheeling Express	* 1:05 pm	* 6:00 pm
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheeling	* 4:35 pm	* 4:05 pm
Wash. (Pa.) & Wheel. Ac.	* 5:35 pm	* 8:45 am
Col., Cin. & St. L. Exp.	* 8:50 pm	* 7:55 pm
LINES WEST VIA AKRON.		
Cleve., Akron & Youngst.	* 7:50 am	* 8:15 pm
Chicago & Cleveland	* 4:30 pm	* 3:15 pm
Chicago Limited	* 8:05 pm	* 7:40 am
(Leave Allegheny.)		
Butler	† 7:00 am	† 8:00 am
Butler	‡ 7:30 am	* 7:25 pm
Butler, Foxburg	† 8:15 am	† 5:10 pm
Butler and Erie	† 8:15 am	† 6:35 pm
Butler	†10:40 am	* 9:40 am
Butler and Erie	† 1:15 pm	† 1:00 pm
Ellwood City	† 1:15 pm	† 6:30 am
Butler, Clarion & Greenv.	† 3:00 pm	†10:25 am
Butler, Ellw'd, N. Castle	† 5:30 pm	* 9:40 am
Butler	* 6:15 pm	* 5:10 pm
Ellwood, New Castle	‡ 6:15 pm	* 8:40 am
Butler	*11:30 pm	* 7:25 pm

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. ‡Sunday only.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Trains leave on Eastern Standard Time
From Union Station, Pittsburgh.

FOR PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON.

Keystone Express, daily .... 3.00 a. m.
Manhattan Limited, daily, for North Philadelphia and New York .... 3.35 a. m.
The Pennsylvania Limited, daily .... 7.15 a. m.
New York Limited, daily .... 7.15 a. m.
Atlantic Express, daily .... 7.30 a. m.
Main Line Express, daily .... 8.00 a. m.
Day Express, daily .... 12.01 p. m.
Mail Express, daily .... 12.45 p. m.
Chicago Mail, daily for Baltimore and Washington .... 4.50 p. m.
Eastern Express, daily for Philadelphia and New York .... 4.55 p. m.
New York Express, daily for Philadelphia and New York .... 7.10 p. m.
Philadelphia Express, daily .... 9.00 p. m.
New York Special, daily, for New York only .... 10.00 p. m.
Philadelphia Special, daily, Sleeping cars to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. No coaches .... 10.00 p. m.

For Buffalo and Niagara Falls, 9.00 a. m. and 11.00 p. m. daily.

For Oil City, 6.22, 9.00 a. m., 1.30, 5.05 and 11.00 p. m., week-days. Sundays, 9.00 a. m., 5.05 and 11.00 p. m.

For Titusville and Corry, 9.00 a. m. and 11.00 p. m. daily. For Titusville only, 1.30 p. m. week-days.

For DuBois, 6.22, 9.00 a. m., 1.30 and 5.05 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 9.00 a. m. and 5.05 p. m.

For Atlantic City (via Delaware River Bridge, all-rail route), 8.00 a. m., 7.10 and 9.00 p. m. daily. "The Pennsylvania Limited," and "New York Limited," 7.15 a. m. week-days.

For Connellsville and Uniontown, 5.15, 8.25 a. m., 12.30 and 5.07 p. m. week-days, 8.00 a. m. and 4.55 p. m. Sundays.

For Brownsville and Uniontown, 10.55 a. m., 4.35 p. m. week-days, and 4.30 p. m. Sundays. For Brownsville only, 6.05, 8.20 a. m., 1.05, 3.25, 6.45 and 11.35 p. m. week-days, 7.00, 9.35 a. m. and 1.05, 5.00 and 9.40 p. m. Sundays. For West Brownsville, 6.05 a. m. and 1.05 and 3.25 p. m. week-days. For Dravosburg, West Elizabeth, Monongahela City and Belle Vernon, 6.05, 8.20, 10.55 a. m., 1.05, 3.25, 4.35 (5.20 to Monongahela City), 6.45 and 11.35 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 7.00, 9.35 a. m., 1.05, 4.30, 5.00 and 9.40 p. m.

FROM ALLEGHENY.

For Butler, 6.50, 8.25, 10.25 a. m., 3.10 and 6.10 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 7.00 a. m., 9.30 p. m.

The Excelsior Baggage Express Company will call for and check Baggage from Hotels and Residences. Time Cards and full information can be obtained at the Ticket Offices—No. 360 Fifth Avenue, corner Fourth Avenue and Try Street, and Union Station.

W. W. ATTERBURY, General Manager. — J. R. WOOD, Pass'r Traffic Manager.
GEO. W. BOYD, General Passenger Agent.

WABASH

TRAINS LEAVE WABASH STATION DAILY.
Corner Liberty Ave. and Ferry St.

Central Time.	Depart	Arrive.
Toledo and St. Louis	6:00 am	7:15 pm
Bridgeville and Hickory	10:30 am	1:00 pm
St. Louis and Kansas City	1:00 pm	4:00 pm
Bridgeville and Steubenville	4:30 pm	7:25 am
Chicago and St. Louis	7:30 pm	6:25 am

Pullman Sleepers and Free Reclining Chair Cars on through trains.

Full information regarding rates, etc., cheerfully furnished at City Ticket Office, 320 Fifth ave., or Ticket Office, Wabash Station.

WEST SIDE BELT.

Local trains leave Wabash Station, Pittsburgh, on Central time, at 6:30 am, 9:10 am, 2:05 pm, 4:40 pm. Trains arrive Pittsburgh 8:05 am, 7:55 am, 1:15 pm, 4:15 pm.

TRY GAZETTE CLASSIFIED ADS.

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OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

OFFICE OF COUNTY CONTROLLER of Allegheny county, Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 14, 1904.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF BONDS OF the county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

The sinking fund commissioners of the county of Allegheny, state of Pennsylvania, by virtue of authority vested in them by act of assembly approved April 22, A. D. 1863, do hereby notify the holders of Allegheny county compromise bonds that on and after January 1, A. D. 1905, bonds numbered and dated as follows, to-wit: Coupon compromise bonds Nos. 770, 774, 777, 778, 780, 781, 785, 787, 788, 789 and 790, and registered compromise bonds Nos. 654, 655 and 656, all bearing date of January 1, 1863, and maturing January 1, 1913, will be paid, together with interest to January 1, 1905, upon presentation at the office of the county controller at Pittsburgh, Pa., at which time all interest on said bonds shall cease.

REUBEN MILLER,
JAS. J. DONNELL,
R. J. CUNNINGHAM,
Sinking Fund Commissioners.

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received in the office of the city comptroller of the city of Allegheny until 2 o'clock p. m., on the twenty-seventh day of December, 1904, for furnishing the following supplies for the department of charities, from January 1, 1905, to January 1, 1906: Groceries, drygoods, meat, coal, drugs, in accordance with the specifications therefor prepared by and on file in the office of the department of charities. Each bid must be accompanied by a satisfactory bond (trust company bond preferred) in fifty (50) per centum of the amount of the bid. The bids to be opened publicly in the office of the mayor at 3 o'clock p. m. on the twenty-seventh day of December, 1904.

Right reserved to reject any and all bids.

JAMES G. WYMAN, Mayor.

H. HUNNESHAGEN, Director of the Department of Charities.

NOTICE—In the court of common pleas No. 3, No. 238 February term, 1905.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the cost, damages and expenses and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Orleans street, from Delaware street to Viola street, Fifteenth ward.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the court viewers in the foregoing matter, hereby give notice that they will on the third day of January A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., meet on the line of the said improvement, at the corner of Orleans street and Delaware street, proceeding thence over the line of said improvement, viewing the same, and the premises affected thereby, and will hear all parties interested therein and their witnesses.

S. A. PURVIS,
J. H. DAWSON,
S. T. M'CLELLAND,
Viewers.

NOTICE—In the court of common pleas No. 3, No. 242 February term, 1905.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the cost, damages and expenses and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and damage by grade of St. Clair street, from Sturgeon street to Snowden street, First ward.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the court viewers in the foregoing matter, hereby give notice that they will on the sixth day of January, A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., meet on the line of the said improvement, at the corner of St. Clair street and Sturgeon street, proceeding thence over the line of said improvement, viewing the same, and the premises affected thereby, and will hear all parties interested therein and their witnesses.

J. H. TRIMBLE,
J. B. DUFF,
S. B. RHEAM,
Viewers.

NOTICE—In the court of common pleas No. 3, No. 240 February term, 1905.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the cost, damages and expenses and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing of Luray street, from Norwood street to Linwood avenue, Tenth ward.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the court viewers in the foregoing matter, hereby give notice that they will on the fifth day of January A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., meet on the line of the said improvement, at the corner of Luray street and Norwood, proceeding thence over the line of said improvement, viewing the same, and the premises affected thereby, and will hear all parties interested therein and their witnesses.

J. H. TRIMBLE,
J. B. DUFF,
S. B. RHEAM,
Viewers.

NOTICE—In the court of common pleas No. 3, No. 240 February term, 1905.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the cost, damages and expenses and assess the benefits for the grading, paving and curbing and damage by grade of Delaware street, from Perrysville avenue to Chemung street, Fifteenth ward.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the court viewers in the foregoing matter, hereby give notice that they will on the third day of January A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., meet on the line of the said improvement, at the corner of Delaware street and Perrysville avenue, proceeding thence over the line of said improvement, viewing the same, and the premises affected thereby, and will hear all parties interested therein and their witnesses.

S. A. PURVIS,
J. H. DAWSON,
S. T. M'CLELLAND,
Viewers.

NOTICE—In the court of common pleas No. 3, No. 241 February term, 1905.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the cost, damages and expenses and assess the benefits for the construction of a public sewer on Solar street, from end of present sewer to Long lane, Seventh ward.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the court viewers in the foregoing matter, hereby give notice that they will on the fourth day of January A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., meet on the line of the said improvement, at the corner of Solar street and Long lane, proceeding thence over the line of said improvement, viewing the same, and the premises affected thereby, and will hear all parties interested therein and their witnesses.

J. H. TRIMBLE,
J. B. DUFF,
S. B. RHEAM,
Viewers.

FEDERAL OFFICERS MAY HOLD JOBS

Naval Officer of Customs for Philadelphia District Is Reappointed.

B. F. CHASE WANTS A PLACE

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau, Room 10, Postal Building WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.

Walter T. Merrick of Tioga county was today reappointed by President Roosevelt as naval officer of customs for the district of Philadelphia. The nomination was sent to the senate, but as that body was in session but four minutes, owing to the absence of a quorum, it and other pending appointments will be acted upon after the holiday recess. Mr. Merrick was recommended for reappointment by Senators Penrose and Knox. He was formerly a member of the state senate and has been closely identified with the state organization.

Senator Penrose was asked if the reappointment of Merrick was to be construed as evidence that the policy of the president would be to reappoint federal officers who had good records. He said:

"I think it will be the policy of the president to retain in the service federal office holders with good records who are indorsed by their senators and representatives."

It is evident that during the coming administration the naming of federal officials will be done much as it has in the past. While the president will be freer to use his own judgment in the selection of men, yet it is safe to predict that he will rely largely upon the recommendations of senators and representatives. Good records will be an important factor in determining whether present officials are to be reappointed, but that in itself will not be sufficient. In the great majority of cases the indorsement of senators and representatives will be required.

Senator Penrose was asked if any consideration had been given as yet to the federal positions in the western end of the state, and he said it had not. These officers have yet a considerable time to serve under their present appointments, so that he could not say whether they would be recommended for reappointment or not. The postmasters of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, pension agent, collector of customs, collector of internal revenue and United States marshal will within the next few months be under consideration, but as yet no indication can be had as to whether all or any of them will get another term.

B. F. Chase, chairman of the Clearfield county Republican committee, was here today to see Senator Penrose. He wants a place in the consular service.

John C. Cobb, who is credited to Pennsylvania, was nominated by the president for the position of assistant agent for the protection of salmon fisheries in Alaska. He succeeds John J. Coyle, who it is understood, has retired temporarily on account of illness.

MAYOR GETS ESTIMATES.

President Frew of Carnegie Library Trustees Calls Upon Executive—Latter Favors an Investigation.

W. N. Frew, president of the Carnegie library board of trustees, took the estimates of the board for 1905 to Mayor Hays in person yesterday and discussed with him the proposed appropriations asked for the library and also the attitude of the administration toward the library board.

Mayor Hays announced that the library estimates were the same as last year, $158,000, as has been published. The mayor was quoted ystersday as having declared in favor of an investigation of the library expenditures. Councilman C. W. Helmold expects to call upon the mayor today to discuss the appropriations.

Assistant Controller Morrow said yesterday that the special tax levied upon the property owners of the Thirty-eighth ward, formerly the borough of Beltzhoover, to pay off the indebtedness of the borough, would probably be reduced from 2 to 1½ or 1¼ mills in 1905.

WITNESS WENT CRAZY.

He Was in Court Room Listening to Evidence Concerning Question of His Cousin's Sanity.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—While listening to testimony in court here today regarding the sanity of a cousin, Joseph Bateau, of St. Raphael, Quebec, apparently became suddenly insane. The case involves a contest over the will of John Benoit. Buteau as a witness, was to aid his cousin, Mrs. Philomene Pellerin, in an attempt to break the will.

Buteau sat in the rear of the room. Suddenly he began to sing slowly and softly strange airs of his native country. When the bailiff stepped up to remind him he was in court his incantations became louder and more insistent. The judge found it necessary to suspend the trial until Buteau was removed from the building.

THEIR ROMANCE CHILLED.

Ithaca College Boy and Girl Elope to Texas, but Seek Parental Roofs When Money Gives Out.

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Miss Lena M. Stanley, a student of the Ithaca conservatory, and Joseph Myers, a Cornell freshman from Dubuque, Ia., eloped November 26. Despite clouds of parental disapproval, the young things started for Texas with light hearts and still lighter pocketbooks.

The chilly blasts of financial difficulties evidently changed their minds, and Mrs. Myers yesterday returned to her parents, while the parents of the bridegroom have hustled him to Harvard, to complete his education. Both young people are the only children of wealthy families.

MAY ASK CONGRESS TO PRESERVE HICKORY TREES

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Increasing scarcity of hickory wood in the United States has alarmed the manufacturers of wooden vehicles to such an extent that at a meeting here today of over 200 representatives of these manufacturers, the advisability of taking the matter before congress was discussed. Hickory trees have recently been attacked by an insect, which it is said is fast destroying that class of timber.

GEN. FRED FUNSTON VISITS FORT THOMAS

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Gen. Fred Funston, in command of the department of the lakes, arrived at Fort Thomas today for an annual inspection of that post. He was greeted with the customary salute of 11 guns. It was his first visit, but so well did he find everything in order that his stay was brief.

COURT ORDERS MARCUM CASE TO PROCEED

WINCHESTER, KY., Dec. 21.—In the Marcum $100,000 damage suit today Judge Benton overruled the motion of defendant's counsel that peremptory instructions for defendants be given. Judge Benton also overruled a motion to set aside the swearing in of the jury, and ordered the case to proceed.

PROBABLY PREPARING FOR A HARD WINTER'S WORK

Officer Michael Discon arrested Charles Morgan at Second avenue and Market street yesterday afternoon as a suspicious person. Morgan is alleged to have stolen a half dozen snow shovels from in front of Woodwell's hardware store, 201 Wood street.

McGuire Threatened; Sentence Doubled.

"When I get out I will hit you with something harder than a stone," announced Philip McGuire to Magistrate Kirby yesterday morning after he had been sentenced to 90 days in the workhouse on a charge of throwing a stone through the plate glass window of P. C. Page, at 3221 Penn avenue. The magistrate called McGuire back and doubled the sentence.

READ STORY OF THE MAGDALENE

Nan Patterson's Lawyers Asked the Jury to Act as the Saviour Did.

RAND MADE BITTER ATTACK

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Assistant District Attorney Rand finished his summing up of the case against Nan Patterson tonight, and tomorrow morning her case will go to the jury. When court reconvenes Justice Davis will deliver his charge.

"Actress, stony-hearted, cruel-mouthed avenger—her story ought not to convince a child. Every action proclaims her guilt. I never have seen a real murderer who has not been distinguished by coolness and conceit. Never yet was there a murderer who didn't want to testify."

In these scathing terms Prosecutor Rand tore to tatters the story of the tragedy in the cab on June 4 told by Nan Patterson on the witness stand.

Mr. Rand was merciless in his denunciation of the accused actress. His descriptions of her as a murderess were cleverly interspersed among clear, logical arguments in which he entered into every detail of the remarkable but vague description given by Miss Patterson of what occurred when "Caesar" Young was shot. His sarcasm was biting.

"When she says Young hit her and said, as he shoved her into a cab, 'drive her to hel,' she wants you to believe Young was merely playful."

"Playful—" shouted Rand, wheeling around and looking directly into Nan Patterson's eyes. "Playful when he spewed her out of his mouth for sweeter and better things."

Nan Patterson Winces.

Nan Patterson winced before the prosecutor's denunciation. He face became ashen pale. The color fled from her lips and she seemed almost on the point of collapse. Her father, too, shrunk behind the gaze of Rand.

In detail Rand held up the actress' character to the jury, and asked if a woman like her was able to have any love other than that of the "beast."

"The beast in the woman called to the man, and the beast in the man answered," he said.

Miss Patterson's counsel were not spared by Mr. Rand, who after saying the defendant's testimony had been typewritten and learned by heart, added:

"There are those among her defenders who are capable of preparing testimony which they know to be false. I name no names, and I stand ready to prove what I say if there is any question raised on that statement."

To drive home his theory that "Caesar" Young could not have shot himself, Prosecutor Rand caused the familiar ghastly skeleton to be dragged forward, and with hand upon it went over the details of the entrance and direction of the fatal bullet, while Nan Patterson, apparently utterly horrified, covered her face with her black gloved hands.

Then Rand, taking up the revolver, swept it through the air, crossed it on his chest to the left side and cried out, "Take this revolver into the jury room with you, gentlemen, and if you can find that in this position Caesar Young could possibly have shot himself, then I say to you set this woman free."

Read Story of the Magdalene.

Mr. Levy for the defense, impressed upon the jury the fact that Miss Patterson was not being tried for immorality. If her soul was as black as the gates of hell, he said, she was nevertheless entitled under the law to as fair treatment as if she were the sweetest and purest.

"You cannot bring back the dead," said Mr. Levy, "but if Caesar Young were here today I think he would speak a few words for this poor girl he has made his plaything."

Placing a Bible on the railing in front of the jurors, Mr. Levy read the eighth chapter of the gospel of St. John—the story of the repentant Magdalene. He laid particular emphasis on the sentence: "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone," and then he said to the jurors:

"Will you say to her who sits before you here, in the words of Him who spoke at the time 'Woman, go and sin no more!' With the happiness of your own home before you, and with the joy of the Christmas festival in anticipation, are you going to condemn this young woman?

"Do not send her to her doom now when the entire world is rejoicing. See, she sits there abandoned by all except that old man, her aged father. I leave her in your hands, confident that you will acquit her and restore her to her devoted old father at a time when everything proclaims 'Peace on earth, good will to men!' I ask that you allow her to take him to the aged wife and mother who awaits them, and give her a chance to live a new life with them in her home."

HOTEL RIDER SOLD.

Cambridge Springs Hostelry Brought $117,000—Erie Man Was the Purchaser.

MEADVILLE, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Hotel Rider at Cambridge Springs was today sold at the court house here under the hammer to T. M. Neagle, an engine manufacturer of Erie, Pa., for $100,000. The furnishings went for $17,000 to the same buyer. W. D. Rider will continue the management. Parties interested filed a protest against the continuation of the sale. The protest will be filed in court but the sale continued. The original cost of the hotel and property is estimated at $600,000.

STEEL WORKS DEPRIVED OF ITS WATER SUPPLY

LATROBE, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Latrobe Steel works, employing almost 600 men, received notice this afternoon that the water would be shut off. The Pennsylvania railroad will be allowed water for the passenger trains only. Superintendent S. L. Long came to Latrobe on a special train this afternoon and will try to give assistance to the water company in installing a new pump. It is claimed that if the water should be shut off from the engines here it would greatly cripple the passenger and mail service.

COLORED CONVICT TRIES TO HANG HIMSELF FOR SHAME

"A 4036," a colored convict at the Western penitentiary, driven to shame by the jeers of his fellow prisoners over a penalty inflicted upon him for infraction of the rules, tore to strings a sheet and hanged himself to the door of his cell Saturday night. He had been hanging but a few moments when a guard discovered him and cut him down. A couple of days in the hospital brought him around and he is again at work.

SCHWAB CONFERS WITH STEEL INDEPENDENTS

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21.—Charles M. Schwab arrived here today and held a conference with several men, understood to be connected with independent steel plants. Later Mr. Schwab went to Elyria, where he conferred with A. L. Garford, head of the Federal Steel Company. The latter company has plants at Cleveland and Elyria.

WILLIAMS' FEATHERY CARGO PROVES BLESSING TO POOR

After Charles Williams of Calvin street was fined $10 and costs by Magistrate Kirby in the Penn avenue police station yesterday morning for carrying 11 chickens in a bag for which he could not account the police decapitated the chickens and presented them to 11 needy families in the neighborhood as a Christmas offering. No one claimed the birds.

Three Officers Were Dismissed.

Seven policemen were arraigned before the trial board yesterday, three of whom were dismissed from the service. The others were given short suspensions. Christopher Schmidt of the South Thirteenth street station, was dismissed for conduct unbecoming an officer, and James Lowrey of Central station and H. C. Muncey of the Center avenue station for drinking while on duty.

M'ADOO ORDERS PIKE TO CEASE ITS SHOW

Charges Character of Exhibition Is Immoral and Causes Arrest of Dancer.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Police Commissioner McAdoo today ordered that the show advertised as the "Pike" including a portion of the exhibit at the St. Louis exposition of that name which has been given in the Madison Square garden since Saturday night, be immediately stopped, and that no more exhibitions of it be allowed.

The commissioner's ostensible reason for this action was that the promoters of the exhibition have not complied with the safety rules of the building department, but he said he also understood many of the features of the exhibition were improper.

Charged with conducting an immoral exhibition, Georgiana B. Biddle, known as "Rosina," who has been performing a "couchee couchee" dance in one of the "Pike" attractions, later in the day was arrested and taken to the Tenderloin police station.

Will Get 75 Per Cent.

The McKeesport Realty Company has purchased from the Mercantile Trust Company, receiver, the remainder of the defunct Fifth avenue (McKeesport) Building and Loan association's assets, paying $25,000. This will enable the receiver to declare a final divided to the association's shareholders, making 75 per cent in all.

LIBRARY ATTACHES MUST WAIT FOR THEIR SALARIES

City Employes Make Kick and Controller Larkin Reverses Order to Pay Before Christmas.

When the city employes learned yesterday that the controller's office would pay December salaries to employes of Carnegie library before Christmas they hastened to the controller and made an emphatic kick. The controller was ignorant of the intention to pay the library employes before the end of the month, his assistant, E. S. Morrow, accepting the responsibility for ordering the library people paid.

"This has been the custom for years," Mr. Morrow explained, "and it could be easily arranged because all the employes of the library are paid by the month. It would be impossible to pay policemen and firemen in advance, because they work by the day and many of them frequently lay off for several days. If an employe paid by the day lays off a deduction for the time is taken from his salary, while if an employe paid by the month lays off for a few days no reduction for the time is made in his salary."

Controller Larkin ordered that all employes be treated alike and, with the exception of the school teachers, whose month ends before Christmas, none will receive December salaries before the first of next month. Notice to this effect was sent yesterday to the Carnegie library, causing much disappointment there.

TRANSFER FRAUDS ARE COSTING ROAD DEARLY

New York Traction Lines Cheated Out of $1,000 Daily by Dishonest Employes.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The New York City Railway Company loses $1,000 a day through an illegal system of transfers, according to a statement made today by the company's chief inspector in a police court case against four men who had been arrested charged with using transfers which they had solicited from persons in the street.

The inspector said he had unearthed a system in a big department of the company where the employes, by exchanging and repunching transfers were defrauding the company out of no less than $1,000 a day. He said also hundreds of clerks in a large department store were riding to and from their work each day on a single fare, by repunching and changing the time on transfers.

REFUSED TO PAY CAR FARE AND BEAT THE CONDUCTOR

William Shoaf and John Foust were arrested in Homestead yesterday afternoon after beating a conductor of a Mifflin car. The conductor, Edward Flynn, tried to collect their fares and they told him they would pay him on Saturday. Flynn could not see the joke and threw them off the car. The men boarded the car again and throwing Flynn down beat him and kicked him. Sergeant Evan Jones of the Homestead police force, arrested the two men, who were charged before Justice Miller with aggravated assault.

LOVESICK CLERK KILLS WIDOW AND CONSTABLE

He Then Finishes His Bloody Work by Putting a Bullet Into His Own Head, and Is Dead.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Fred Jones, a clerk in a store at Newfane, shot and killed Mrs. Abbie Goodrich and Constable William C. Gray today, then shot himself, dying soon after.

Jones was a suitor of Mrs. Goodrich, who was a widow. Being older than Jones she objected to his attentions. Jones, it is alleged, had threatened to kill her and burn her property, in consequence of which she today obtained a warrant for his arrest which was given to Constable Gray to serve.

This afternoon Gray went to the store where Jones was employed. Jones requested permission to send for Mrs. Goodrich in order that he might settle the matter with her. Upon her arrival Jones drew a revolver and shot her in the head. Gray sprang toward Jones, and received a bullet in the temple. Jones then put a bullet in his own head.

DERRICK RAN AMUCK AND RAMMED TEXAS

Injured Big Battleship So Badly It Will Have to Go into Dry Dock.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Breaking five great cables as if they had been threads, the 100-ton floating derrick Hercules, moored to the side of the battleship Connecticut, broke adrift in the navy yard basin in Wallabout bay today, and crashed into the stern of the battleship Texas, smashing several plates and so injuring the war vessel that she will have to go into the drydock.

In the basin, when a fierce squall swept over it, were the Texas, Illinois, Kentucky, Tacoma and Minneapolis. The Hercules was securely tied to the Connecticut and was landing great armor plates on the decks. The strain caused by the heavy wind caused the cables to break and the derrick started up the bay towards the warships.

Two tugs were hastily dispatched to catch the fleeing derrick, which was making directly for the Tacoma and Minneapolis, moored close together. The Pentucket caught the Hercules when almost upon the warships and made fast to her. Before the derrick could be controlled it swung around and struck the Texas squarely in the stern post.

Open until 10 P. M.

KAUFMANN'S "THE BIG STORE"

Open until 10 P. M.

Lace curtains at special prices

A THREE-DAYS' holiday sale of lace curtains and portiers comprising all sorts — Irish point, Nottingham and Scotch lace curtains and tapestry portiers—about 5,000 pairs in all, to be sold at prices which figure only a small margin above manufacturing cost.

Regular $2 and $2.50 curtains at 1.50 a pair—real lace effect Nottinghams and Scotch laces; 50 to 60 in. wide and 3½ yds. long—choice, per pair 1.50

Regular $6 and $7 curtains, 4.50 pair—these are handsome real Irish point lace curtains, with rich open work on finest bobbinet — per pair 4.50

Regular $4 and $5 tapestry portiers, 3.00—come in beautiful Oriental and empire designs with fringed top and bottom—choice, per pair, only 3.00

Table covers, sofa pillows, etc.

$3 and $3.50 table covers, 1.98 — rich gobelin and Oriental designs in heavy tapestries, 2 yds. square—regular $3 and $3.50 values at... 1.98

Japanese gold embroidered sofa pillows—also silk ruffled and corded velour and satin covered pillows — worth up to $9, go at, each, 4.75 and 3.75

Four-paneled Japanese gold embroidered room screens—5 ft. 8 in. high, in tan, green, red and black—special at 5.00 and 3.50

Silk waist and dress patterns

YOU couldn't decide on a gift that would be more acceptable than a nice waist or dress pattern of some fashionable silk weave. Here are kinds you'll find here at prices you'll find nowhere else.

36-in. peau de soie and taffeta—in black, navy, gray and black changeable and plain white—always $1.50 yard, special today at 98c

45-in. liberty satin—strictly all silk, for evening waists and dresses, scarfs, etc., imported to sell for $1 yard, special today 50c

Corded and checked washable silks—guaranteed best quality, pink, green, blue, navy, white, red, etc., special today, yd.. 39c

Complete waist patterns of all the different shades and weaves of silks and velvets, put up in pretty presentation boxes, upward from 1.25

Christmas handkerchiefs

THE next three days constitute the crowning time of the whole year in this vast handkerchief business. We'll have more than 50 people selling handkerchiefs. Think of it! And they'll be just as busy as they can be almost every moment of the day up to the store closing time—10 p. m. So immense and exhaustive is our stock of handkerchiefs that we feel safe in saying that were the demand even twice as great we could meet it. Buying in such immense quantities naturally means—the gaining of big price concessions—thus our prices are always lowest at all times.

Extra special

We've just effected a very fortunate purchase of 300 dozen women's pretty swiss embroidered handkerchiefs. They represent a large maker's excess stock—all are new and dainty patterns—hemstitched or scalloped edge—every one is a positive 25c value—a large table full in main aisle—at 15c

Women's lace trimmed handkerchiefs—200 styles, embracing every new idea of lace edge and inserting —fine sheer linen centers—exceptionally good value at 25c

Beautiful hand embroidered, scalloped edge and hemstitched linen handkerchiefs—special at.... 48c

Extra special

Six women's 25c handkerchiefs for 1.00—you'll lay in a supply for your own personal use as well as for gifts to others when you see what splendid values these are. They're very fine quality hand-drawn hemstitched linen handkerchiefs with one-eighth or one-fourth inch hem—six of them in a beautiful box—regular price $1.50—today 1.00

Children's initial handkerchiefs—a fancy picture box containing three children's embroidered handkerchiefs, plain white or colored initial —splendid value at.... 25c box

Women's liberty silk scarfs and squares—in light blue, pink, cardinal, nile, black and white—sure-to-please Xmas gifts.. 48c & 98c

Men's handkerchiefs

Men's initial handkerchiefs—soft finish, ready for use—15c kind for 9c—or .... 3 for 25c

Men's initial handkerchiefs—large size, 6 in fancy box 75c, each 15c

Men's fine pure Irish linen initial handkerchiefs—6 for 1.40, each 25c

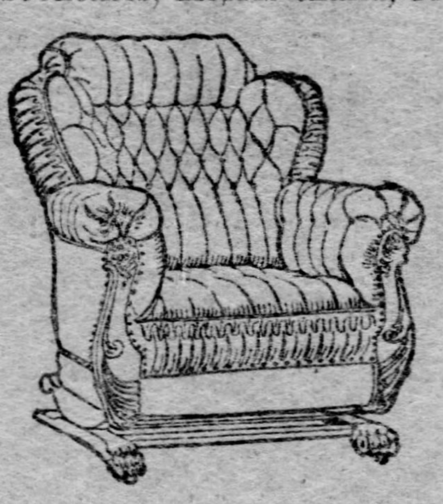
Men's pure linen initial handkerchiefs—3 for 50c, each 19c

Men's fine pure Irish linen handkerchiefs—hemstitched, all width hems, three for 50c, each..... 19c

Men's fine pure Irish linen handkerchiefs—extra large, all width hems, regular 35c kind, special 29c

Price-breaks on holiday furniture

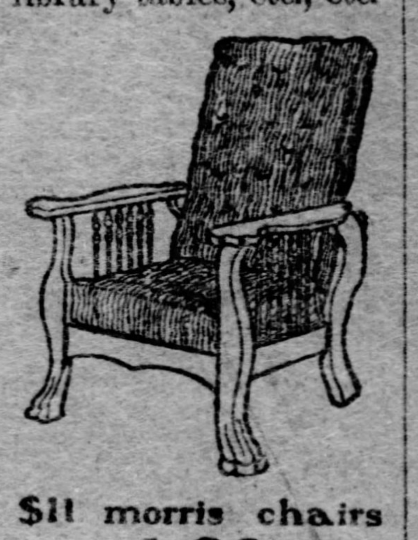
WE don't wait until after Christmas to reduce prices on furniture bought specially for holiday trade—but give our patrons the benefit of big economies several days before the Yuletide. Thus following our usual custom, we've reduced the prices on certain lines of bookcases, morris chairs, rockers, pedestals, gold chairs, parlor and library tables, etc., etc.



$75 leather rockers 39.75

This offer gives you choice of any Turkish leather rocker in the house, no matter whether the former price was $50, $60, $70 or $75.

$ 1.50 oak tabourettes for 75c.
$ 3.25 golden oak rockers, 1.75.
$ 3.50 mahogany parlor stands, 1.98.
$ 4.00 oak reception chairs, 2.75.
$ 5.00 leather seat rockers, 2.98.
$ 5.50 golden oak pedestals, 3.50.
$ 6.00 mahogany music cabinets, 3.98.
$ 7.00 oak or mahogany desks, 4.49.
$ 7.50 polished oak rockers, 4.98.
$12.50 mahogany Roman chairs, 8.98.
$14.50 Vernis Martin pedestals, 9.75.
$14.50 "prairie grass" rockers for 9.98.
$18 mahogany Roman rockers for 12.75.
$12.50 morris chairs, 9.75.
$14.50 golden oak library tables, 9.98.
$14.50 oak or mahogany desks, 9.98.



$11 morris chairs 6.98

The above elegant golden oak morris chair — hand carved claw foot frame, finely polished, reversible hair filled corduroy or velour cushions—worth $11, at 6.98.

$16 golden oak combination cases, 9.98
$20 golden oak library cases, 13.75
$25 Turkish leather rockers for 18.75
$35 sample toilet tables for 18.75
$25 mahogany music cabinets for 18.75
$30 handsome cheval mirrors, for 21.75

$35 full genuine leather couches, 22.75.
$45 golden oak buffets, for 32.75
$50 leather couches for 39.75
$98 Vernis Martin cabinets, 49.75
$175 Vernis Martin cabinets, 98.75
$300 upholstered gold parlor suites, 149.75

Aprons, dressing sacques, petticoats & wrappers

SOME very special values for today in these most popular and useful gifts for women.

Women's aprons—large and small size, with and without bib—thousands and thousands of them—choice .... 25c and 50c

Dressing sacque special—women's beautiful Japanese silk quilted dressing sacques; high neck or made with large sailor collar—special today at 4.98

The same styles in the long kimonos, at 10.00

Silk petticoat special—black and colored taffeta silk petticoats, splendidly made up with full flaring circular, sectional and pleated flounces —special today at 4.90

Black mercerized sateen petticoats —a very choice variety—each garment a good style—several kinds of attractive flounces — special today at 98c

Women's lovely cashmere wrappers—in the warm dark shades, daintily trimmed with tucks, lace inserting and baby ribbon — they must be seen to be appreciated — special at 4.50

A big purchase of sample underwear

Including novelty gowns, tastily trimmed with the finest imported trimmings; also drawers and corset covers and fluffy white underskirts—all placed on sale today at

25% below regular prices

Housecoats reduced

OTHER stores maintain regular prices on housecoats until after Christmas or New Year's—but "The Big Store" has already begun the price-cutting act. Here are instances:

Double-faced housecoats — plain shade with corresponding plaid back; also all-wool blanket robes—reduced from $3.90 and $5 to 2.50

Fine double-faced coats—in plain or fancy designs; also fine eiderdown, blanket and terry cloth robes, reduced from $7.50 and $8.50 to 5.00

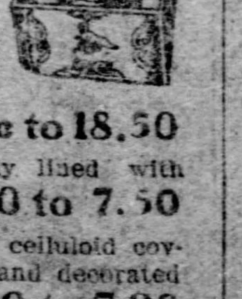
Extra fine cloth, silk matelasse and brocatelle house jackets, Venetian lined; also fine double-faced coats and blanket robes, reduced from $10 and $12 to only 7.50

Elegant all-silk lined jackets, also velvet coats and rich blanket robes, reduced from $12, $18 and $20 to 10.00

Fancy holiday goods

Collar and cuff boxes, shaving sets, manicure sets, Albums, etc.

EVERY here and there throughout the stock of fancy leather and celluloid goods will be found lots bearing reduced prices. Never have equally great values been offered just before Christmas.



Collar and cuff boxes—of every description—all shapes and sizes, in fancy celluloid, leather and hard wood, handsomely lined with light shades of satin 25c to 5.98

Manicure Sets—leather covered and fancy celluloid boxes, lined with satin and fitted with scissors, nail file and other manicure articles .... 1.00 to 5.98

Leather traveling sets—real seal and grain leather cases, in various shapes and sizes, fitted with all the different fittings from the brush and comb to the most complete outfit for men and women .... 50c to 18.50

Celluloid and leather covered shaving sets—neatly lined with puffed satin, fitted with mug, brush and razor .... 1.00 to 7.50

Photo albums—with leather or artistically decorated celluloid covers, also complete line of music albums, with gold edge and decorated leaves; will hold 60 to 100 half and full size photos.. 1.00 to 7.98

Collar and cuff sets

MY, the run we've had on collar and cuff sets the last few days! Stocks would have been badly decimated long ere this if we hadn't arranged to have new shipments arrive daily.

Beautiful new collar and cuff sets — in embroidered linen, new hardanger embroidered, Valenciennes lace, Venise lace and pleated lawn —per set, 98c, 75c, 48c and 25c

Imitation Irish crochet collar and cuff sets—can hardly be told from the real hand made ones—at three special prices, 1.50, 1.25 and.... 98c

Stirring days in the book store

TODAY, Friday and Saturday will be busier-than-ever times here, as thousands of late shoppers know from past experience that they can place entire dependence on the Kaufmann book store even in the last rush days to supply their wants, whatever they may be.

Copyright cloth bound books

Many of which have sold for $1.08 —choice 45c

The title list includes:
Red Rock,
A Son of Destiny,
Hound of the Baskervilles,
The Puppet Crown
Lady Rose's Daughter,
When Knighthood Was in Flower,
Truth Dexter,
The Sign of the Cross,
Choir Invisible,
The Crisis,
The Filigree Ball,
Cudjo's Cave,
Etc., etc.

Choice 45c

New books

The Sea-Wolf, by Jack London, 1.08.
The Man On The Box, by Harold MacGrath, at 1.08.
The Lady of Loyalty House, by Justin McCarthy, 1.08.
The President, by Alfred Henry Lewis, 1.08.
The Law of The Land, by Emerson Hough, 1.08.
Black Friday, by Frederic Isham, 1.08.
The Prodigal Son, by Hall Caine, 1.08.
The Madigans, by Miriam Michelson, 1.08.
The Undercurrent, by Robert Grant, 1.08.
Whosoever Shall Offend, by Marion Crawford, 1.08.
Old Gorgon Graham, by George H. Lorimer, 1.08.
The Prospector, by Ralph Connor, 1.08.

Books for young people

Fine cloth binding, fully illustrated, choice.... 25c

The title list includes:
Black Beauty,
Animal Stories,
Story of the Bible,
Robinson Crusoe,
Mother Goose Rhymes,
Gulliver's Travels,
Grimm's Fairy Tails,
Battles for the Union,
Alice in Wonderland,
Aunt Martha's Corner Cupboard,
Water Babies,
Pilgrim's Progress,
Etc., etc.

Choice 25c

THOS. BAILEY ALDRICH
An Interview With the Poet in
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O. HENRY'S STORY
"The Badge of Policeman O'Roon" in
THE SUNDAY GAZETTE

BRITT AND NELSON PROFIT WELL BY BATTLE

BRITT WILLING TO MEET WHITE

Insists Englishman Must Come Over Here—Credit for Being Game Given Nelson.

RECEIPTS WERE VERY LARGE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 21.—"Personally, I don't know what is before me," said Jimmy Britt today. "Just at present I am loaded down to the plimsoll mark with holiday sentiment and I'm radiating peace and good will. I am going to banish pugilism from my thoughts all through the merry yuletide and glad New Year and just allow events to shape themselves.

"I have an idea, though, that my next fighting will be done in Philadelphia or some other eastern city. I want to try my hand at the six-round game, and, of course, I'll always be ready to hop back to the coast when anything enticing offers. I see where Jabez White, the English fighter, wants to take a crack at me. I must say that I am aching to ring in an international complication of some kind, and if Jabez will just step across here I'd only be too happy to break a lance with him.

"No, I wouldn't go over to the other side to box him. That would be a foolish move, for here is where the money is and here is where the boxing game is popular. I'm sure if Jabez White really wants to meet me he will wander this way."

Britt looked spick and span, and, with the exception of a dark red slit on the forehead where Nelson butted him, had neither bruise nor blemish to show for his breakneck 20 rounds.

"I suppose that about everything that could be said about last night's affair is already on record," said Britt. "I am pleased to know that the majority of persons feel I rightfully earned the decision. It was a very fast fight, but I want to say that it would have been faster still if I had not in view the large amount my friends bet on me. I knew I was winning and wanted to bring home the money, as they say.

"To be plain, I boxed cautiously, but at the same time I hardly think anyone will describe the go as slow or dull. My defense for not making a regular Donnybrook of it is that I think a man who has reached the height I have in this game owes something to his friends and the betting public generally."

"But suppose there was no betting and no emoluments? How do you think you'd fare with Nelson then?" the writer asked.

"I'd defeat him, surely," was the reply. "I think I could go into a room with him and outslug him. It would be risky, of course, as I would be meeting him at his own specialty; but that is the way I feel about it. I was stronger than he was last night and could have thrown him around in some of the rounds if I had wished. Honestly, I was only under half speed in a great number of the rounds, but I felt I had the battle well in hand. And let me tell you another thing. Nelson was not as vicious some of the time as the crowd thought. Especially was this so when I pelted him in the stomach with left-handers. He was easy to handle in the clinches whenever he got one of those smashes, but he kept working his shoulders and making it appear that he was full of fight. I am sure I could have gone on for another 20 rounds, and I'll swear that Nelson had about reached his limit for one night."

"At the same time I must take off my hat to him in the matter of ruggedness," concluded Britt. "He can stand a world of punching and his vitality is something marvelous. Come to think of it, though, it's a matter of what d'ye call it—hereditary? He comes from the old Viking stock, and I remember reading when I was a kid that the Danes for thousands of years made a practice of retiring to rest each evening at 8 o'clock.

"With me it's different. I am descended from the Irish, who go to bed at all hours. I showed him a trick at that, for I reserved my strength all through last night's contest and had plenty left to finish with."

Nelson's face was pecked a bit after his experience with the native son, but in the main the Dane loomed up in good shape today. He still thinks that the decision was unfair, and states a willingness to box Britt again and bet a large sum on the side.

The pool sellers say it was the "heaviest betting fight in years." Shortly before the men entered the ring there was a flood of Nelson money and in some of the betting resorts Nelson for a brief spell was the favorite at odds of 10 to 9½. Later Britt was a first choice again at 10 to 9 and 10 to 8.

The total gate receipts of the fight was $26,900, of which Britt received $8,877; Nelson, $5,918, and the Yosemite club $12,105.

SCHELLING'S POOR RIDE LOST HOMESTEAD RACE

It Also Caused Disqualification and the Loss of Second Place—Only One Favorite Won.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Ram's Horn was the only winning favorite today. Homestead should have won easily, but Schilling's bungling ride not only beat the colt for first place, but procured his disqualification for the second. Summary:

First race, six furlongs, selling—Optional, 100, Shaver, 7 to 1, won; Jake Greenberg, 114, Baird, 5 to 2, second; Chamblee, 107, Romanelli, 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.

Second race, mile and a quarter—Semper Vivax, 98, J. Hennesy, 10 to 1, won; Bessie McCarthy, 101, H. Phillips, 5 to 1, second; Beaucaire, 99, Stoval, 75 to 1, third. Time, 2:11 4-5.

Third race, five furlongs—Alcantara, 111, H. Phillips, 15 to 1, won; Queen Rose, 111, Schilling, 3 to 1, second; Esterre, 108, J. Martin, 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:02.

Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth, handicap—Ram's Horn, 98, Nicol, 2 to 1, won; Garnish, 103, J. Martin, 5 to 2, second; Ed Tierney, 97, Schilling, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:49.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Topic, 100, Crimmins, 20 to 1, won; Phil Finch, 97, Nicol, 5 to 2, second; Bay Wood, 108, Munro, 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:14 1-5.

Sixth race, one mile—Chanterelle, 101, Romanelli, 15 to 1, won; Gravina, 112, Wonderly, 5 to 2, second; Decoration, 101, Cocolo, 50 to 1, third. Time, 1:43 4-5.

FIFTH STRAIGHT VICTORY.

Gold Rose Again Shows That She Possesses the Spead.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 21.—Green B. Morris' 2-year-old filly, Gold Rose, started today for the fifth time and scored her fifth successive victory at Ascot. The distance was over the Slauson course, and Gold Rose was held at 6 to 5 throughout the betting. Sais was looked upon to take the fast filly's measure and was heavily played at 6 to 2, while El Chihuhua found numerous backers at 5 to 1. Gold Rose went to the front and never left the issue in doubt. Sais finished second and El Chihuhua third. Three short-priced favorites were successful at Ascot today, two outsiders and one second choice winning the other races. Summary:

First race, mile—Liberto, 110, Troubel, 12 to 1, won; Iras, 107, E. Walsh, 4 to 1, second; Lustig, 106, Dugan, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43¼.

Second race, 5½ furlongs—Westbrookfield, 101, Kent, 3 to 1, won; Cotillion, 103, E. Walsh, 4 to 1, second; Hildebrand, 103, Hildebrand, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:08.

Third race, mile—Tryon, 102, Lawrence, 3 to 5, won; Potrero Grande, 103, McDaniel, 9 to 2, second; Freesias, 92, Herbert, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43.

Fourth race, Slauson course, handicap—Gold Rose, 106, Walsh, 6 to 5, won; Sais, 114, Hildebrand, 5 to 2, second; El Chihuahua, 103, Treubel, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:09½.

Fifth race, mile and 70 yards—Chub, 97, Herbert, 3 to 5, won; Rough Rider, 97, Knapp, 20 to 1, second; Eva G., 102, Hildebrand, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:46½.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs—Alamansor, 108, Treubel, 10 to 1, won; Schoharie, 102, Hildebrand, 1 to 2, second; Our Pride, 104, Kent, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.

TWO FAST GAMES.

Lower Allegheny Promised Good Basket-Ball Tonight.

The Fayette basketball team, which is the heaviest and one of the strongest teams in Allegheny, will play the Crescent team of Homestead tonight in Raliegh hall, lower Allegheny. This will be the first time the Fayette boys have ever performed before a home crowd, and it will be an entirely new thing for them to hear the shouts of encouragement and rooting in their favor. A preliminary will be played by the Tom Thumbs and the Manchester Midgets, the two teams which are leading the Raleigh league at present. Following is the lineup for both games:

Fayettes.		Crescent A. C.
Bittner, Miller	R.F.	Hamnett
Strausser, Cornelius	L.F.	Wilson, Wilfort
Hauff	C.	Redrath
Strausser, Hilliard	R.G.	Wilforth
Diemer Burgess	L.G.	Zacharia
		Manchester Midgets.
Lannigan	R.F.	Jackson
Kunkle	L.F.	Earls
Teuscher	C.	Richards
Graham, Morrow	R.G.	Steup, Kelley
Fennell	L.G.	Young

Referee—Yenger of Manchester.

Kennel Club for Washington County.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Last evening, at a meeting of owners of blooded dogs, the Washington, Pennsylvania, Kennel club was formed. The following officers were elected: W. W. Hoyt, president; J. L. Lockhart, vice president; Verne T. Coliner, secretary, and B. M. Clark, treasurer.

HARRIS RETAINS THE NEFF CUP

Defeated J. F. Eichler for the Trophy—Both Men Showed Some Clever Bowling.

MANY GAMES WERE ROLLED

Last night on Neff's Fifth avenue alleys Harry Harris ably defended his title of the holder of Neff challenge cup by defeating J. F. Eichler in total pins of 144 in six games. Scores:

H. Harris	172	186	173	201	190	223
J. F. Eichler	159	137	183	187	193	142

Totals—Harris 1145, Eichler 1001.

Eichler rolled a very good game considering he being a new bowler and no doubt it will be a surprise to his friends to see the good showing he made. Harris is ready to meet all comers to defend his title as holder of the Neff challenge cup and championship of Western Pennsylvania.

The Cecilia team of the County league went down before the St. Boniface team, which took two out of three games on the Cecilia alleys. Scores:

Cecilia—			
Nix	128	201	155
Klug	154	158	121
Nickum	154	137	201
Neidhart	152	139	197
Klippick	129	137	163
Totals	717	769	837
St. Boniface—			
Joe Myers	147	188	114
Leebach	145	143	131
Schneider	144	170	127
John Myers	159	138	...
C. Myers	...	...	124
Moeller	123	142	144
Totals	718	781	640

The Tigers took two games from the Kenwoods of the Liberty Valley league last evening on the Penn avenue alleys. Voltz had high score, 206, and high average, 174 2-3. Scores:

Kenwoods—			
Murphy	80	...	...
McVay	...	151	112
Weinz	132	139	136
Simpson	129	102	...
Brennen	...	...	160
Biddell	173	117	164
Loost	128	141	131
Totals	642	650	703
Tigers—			
Voltz	206	181	137
Marshall	174	140	181
Edwards	106	...	...
Sauer	...	163	146
Gormly	124	160	123
Boussean	124	104	...
Gardiner	...	...	135
Totals	738	748	672

In the City league the Federal team won from Castle 211, taking the first and third games by clever bowling. The scores:

Castle 211—			
Shanar	167	157	129
W. Bert	119	189	140
Buch	128	180	155
Spratt	146	149	167
H. Bert	176	232	197
Totals	733	902	748
Federal—			
Hornect	188	170	204
Saul	166	159	178
Miller	191	171	167
Schud	182	139	...
Gersterien	...	...	154
Hahn	169	197	161
Totals	886	836	864

In an exhibition game on the Federal alleys Enright's Colts put it all over the Regulars, taking all three games. Jimmy Williams, the well-known ball player, bowled in fine form for the colts.

Enright's Colts—			
S. Enright	180	211	199
White	186	204	190
Young	175	170	168
J. Williams	208	188	203
Totals	749	773	760
Enright's Regulars—			
W. Enright	166	155	160
Doc Scott	100	101	102
Dow	159	168	186
Bauer	187	190	198
Totals	612	614	646

Three prizes will be awarded next Saturday by William Seng of Braddock to the Broddock bowlers who have made the highest scores this season. The winners are John Higgins, score 256; Reilly, score 242, and Harsauk, score 242.

ALL STARS BEATEN.

Olympic Team Too Fast for the Quaker City Players.

The Olympics proved a surprise for the Philadelphia All-Stars at the Colisseum floor in McKeesport last night, defeating the latter 22 to 20. Basketball experts declared the game the best and fastest ever played on the Colisseum floor. At the end of the first half the odds were in favor of the Philadelphia aggregation—10 to 8—but in the second half the local team braced up and won. In a preliminary game the Olympic Juniors defeated the Elizabeth Juniors by a score of 14 to 4. The lineup of the bigger game was:

Olympics—22.		Philadelphia All-Stars—20.
Mulholland	R.F.	W. Holderman
Skillinger	L.F.	Haggerty
Meyers	C.	Devine
Stewart	R.G.	E. Holderman
Walliser	L.G.	Newman

Substitutions—Edmondson for Walliser, Beale for E. Holderman. Field goals—Mulholland, Skillinger 3, Meyers 2, Edmondson, W. Holderman, Haggerty 3, Devine 4. Foul goals—Stewart 8, Haggerty 4. Referee—I. Little. Time of halves—20 minutes.

YALE TEAM IS COMING.

Hockey Seven Is Ready for Its Visit to This City.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 21.—During the holiday vacation at Yale university the University Musical club will take a western and southern trip, going as far west as Colorado Springs and south to Nashvile and Louisville on the return. The men left New Haven today.

The Yale hockey team will make its annual trip to Pittsburgh, leaving New York on December 27. Four games will be played in Pittsburgh, one with the Interscholastic team of Pittsburgh and three with the University of Toronto.

COLLEGE SEVENS WILL MEET AT THE GARDEN

Toronto University and Yale Teams Are Coming, and Some Fine Ice Sport Is Assured.

Arrangements were completed yesterday for the big eastern university hockey games at Duquesne Garden next week. Toronto university will take the place of Princeton, which team will not come to Pittsburgh this season, and the Canadians will play three games with Yale. The Blue and White will arrive from New Haven next Tuesday. Wednesday evening it will play Toronto, Thursday night Yale will go against one of the local interscholastic teams and Friday and Saturday nights will play Toronto. This will give the followers of the Blue and White four nights to see their favorites.

"Rex" Flinn is the captain of the Yale crew and the scores of the games they have played in the east so far this season show they are putting up a superior article of hockey. This will be the first appearance of Toronto in this city, and Jimmy Gardner, the former well known ball player, who is looking after the interests of the team here, expects to make their coming an annual event.

Many box parties are being formed for these games, especially by Yale men, of whom there are over 600 in Greater Pittsburgh.

Catcher Warner Is a Cardinal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Roger Bresnahan will catch next year for the New York baseball club and Jack Warner will go to the St. Louis Nationals. Secretary Knowles announced today that the Warner transfer had been completed, but declined to say what Frank De Haas Robinson paid for Warner.

AMONG THE PASSERS.

The St. Luke Midgets expect a warm contest at Carnegie tonight when they meet the Leach team of the South Side.

Hauff played a great game at center for the Fayettes against the Crescents at Homestead Tuesday night, getting three neat goals from field.

Capt. Hans Wagner is putting his boys through some brisk practice stunts in preparation for their hard game with Manchester next Monday night.

The Manhattans and the Ramblers of the Manchester league will come together Saturday night of this week at Raleigh hall. The preliminary will be played by the Tom Thumbs and the Fayette Midgets of the Raleigh league.

The Crawfords would like a game with some 12 or 13-year-old team for Saturday evening and Monday afternoon out of town preferred. Manager Lynch's boys are in fine trim, having rested all week. The Crawfords have dates in January open also.

President Roth of the Manchester and Raleigh leagues is highly elated over the showing which his league teams are making. There has not been a single kick registered in either leages so far this season and each team has already played eight games.

The two Perrysville teams met Tuesday night to decide which is entitled to the name of Perrysville Second, and Capt. Lorimer's team won 28 to 7. The two teams met on the 6th of December, but the score stood 14 to 14 at the end of the time allowed.

Trinity would like to arrange games with all 13-year-old teams having halls. It has next Saturday and Christmas night open away from home. Arcades of Carnegie, L. S. Levins and Columbias of Homestead preferred. Address William E. Scott, 2021 Colwell street, city.

The South Side Turners still have a few open dates and would like to arrange games with all strong junior teams in Western Pennsylvania. Have all Thursdays and Saturdays in January open, games to be played at home on Thursdays and abroad Saturdays. Address Philip Kleist, 77 Eleventh street, South Side, city.

The McDonald basketball team and its crowd of enthusiasts were very much disappointed on account of the Company F team not showing up Tuesday evening. The home team went to the expense of having bills printed and had the game extensively advertised, rented a hall and also sold a large number of tickets and afterward had to refund the money. The home team did not receive a telephone message or any other notice that the team would not arrive.

THE RAILROAD FIVE IS FINALLY BEATEN

Fowler Team Took First Fall Out of the League Leaders After a Fast Contest.

Capt. Heuring's Fowler five again surprised their rooters by defeating the crack Railroad A. C., the leaders of the league, in a fast and exciting game. The first half was all Railroad, the score standing 12 to 2 in their favor, when time was called. Stewart had dropped in three from field and two from foul and McInytre and Gross had each scored one from field, during the half, while all the Fowlers could do was to get one goal from field, Butzler being the lucky man.

In the second half Davis was substituted for Watson by the Fowler boys, and the change proved to be a wise one for them, as Walter landed the ball through the basket right at the start of the half and the rest of the team kept the good work going. Heuring got one, then Butzler, then Cline, and then Heuring again, putting the score tie. Heuring got two from foul and Stewart got one for Railroad, giving the Fowlers a lead of one point. Davis got his second goal from field at this stage and the Fowler rooters yelled like mad. Stewart scored the only field goal which the Railroaders got during the half and Capt. Heuring landed two more from foul for Fowlers, making the score 18 to 16 in favor of the latter team, and the game ended before another point could be made on either side.

The Fowlers defensive and offensive work during the second half was a treat to their rooters. All the Fowler boys played great ball, but Heuring, Davis, Robinson and Cline were mainly responsible for Railroad's downfall. This is the first time the Railroaders have been side-tracked in a league game this season and makes the third straight victory for Fowler.

The Railroad Midgets defeated the Manchester Midgets in the preliminary by the score of 12 to 8. Following are the lineups and scores:

Watson-Davis	R.F.	Stewart
Heuring	L.F.	Meisel
Butzler	C.	McIntyre
Cline	R.G.	Gross
Robinson	L.G.	Kelley

Fowler A. C.—18. Railroad A. C.—16.

Goals from field—Stewart 4, McIntyre 1, Gross 1, Davis 2, Heuring 2, Butzler 2, Cline 1. Goals from foul—Stewart 4, Heuring 4. Referee—Stehl. Scorer—Cornelius. Timer—Hauff.

R. R. Midgets—12.		Manches. Midgets—8.
Forney	R.F.	Jackson
Cahoon	L.F.	Kelley
Brophy	C.	Richards
Wallser	R.G.	Earls
Cornelius	L.G.	Steup-Young

Goals from field—Cahoon 2, Forney 2, Brophy 1, Jackson 1, Richards 1, Earls 1. Goals from foul—Cahoon 2, Earls 2. Referee—Stehle. Scorer—Cornelius. TimerH—uaff.

HIGH SCHOOL'S NEW CAPTAIN.

Duncan Worrell Selected as Leader for Football Eleven.

Duncan Worrell, who played right halfback on the Pittsburgh High school team during the past season, will captain the eleven next year. This change of the players is sure to find favor with the students, as Worrell is popular on all sides.

The election took place last night at a banquet tendered the football team, Coach Haugh and Profs. Cooper and Saul of the Athletic association. All the players who earned their "H" during the season were present, and after an evening of pleasure the election took place and Worrell was the unanimous choice. This will be Worrell's third year on the team and he is regarded as a strong player.

Will Despose of Cup Winner.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Dec. 21.—The syndicate which purchased the sloop Detroit and had it shipped from Lake Michigan to this city to enter the Lipton cup races last summer, has announced that the vessel will be disposed of. The announcement has caused concern among yacht racing men here, as the Detroit is regarded as the fastest of her class on this coast, and the possession of the cup is likely to pass with the sloop.

FOUGHT THE SEA FOR EIGHT DAYS AND NIGHTS

Crew of the Schooner Goodwin Were Ready to Give Up the Struggle When Rescued.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A story of eight days and nights of ceaseless labor under the most disheartening conditions, with death constantly staring them in the face, was told today by the 10 shipwrecked sailors of the crew of the Portland, (Maine), schooner Clara Goodwin, who were brought here today on the schooner Martha Wallace. Then men were taken from the sinking Goodwin off Cape Henry last Friday in a terribly exhausted condition.

The Goodwin sailed from Tampa, Fla., December 1, bound for Philadelphia. December 8 while between Capes Hatteras and Lookout the schooner ran into a northeast hurricane, sprung a leak and began to fill rapidly. The steam pumps were worked to their full capacity, but still the water in the hold increased, and the schooner became unmanageable.

With all hands at the pumps a slight lead on the water was gained, and finally the schooner was worked into the southwest of Diamond shoals, where temporary shelter was found. The wind shifted and she was again at the mercy of the waves. Then followed a week of unremitting toil, the conditions growing more unbearable every day and hope had almost been abandoned when the Wallace observed the signal of distress.

Before leaving the waterlogged craft, Capt. Osterman applied the torch.

Capt. Hicks Controls Iron Mask.

Capt. Alfred Hicks, president of the Allegheny Steel and Iron Company of this city, has bought a controlling interest in the Iron Mask mine near Gillman, Colo. The Iron Mask controls the following mining claims: Cleopatra, Florence, Clinton, Kingfisher, Little Ollie, Little Belle and Little Prince. Gillman is on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad and the Eagle river, 10,200 feet above tide level. The mines produce zinc in large quantities, with some gold and silver. It is the intention to erect a concentrator at the mines and ship only high-grade ore.

Alleged Thieves Arrested.

George Johnston and George Goodwin are under arrest in Allegheny on suspicion of robbing passengers on street cars. Last Saturday A. C. Hanricks of 31 Lowry street, Allegheny, was robbed of a Troy Hill car. He lost $28. Last night Detectives T. C. Johnston and Charles England arrested these two men at Chestnut and East Ohio streets on a Troy Hill car. They will be given a hearing today.

Injured in Coasting Accidents.

Theresa Fish, aged 8, of Mainstreet, Carnegie, was injured in a coasting accident yesterday afternoon, and the police instantly stopped all coasting on Chestnut street. The girl was riding a bobsled, which broke, spilling the occupants. Her leg was broken. In a coasting accident yesterday Charles Lomsky, aged 10, of Etna, sustained a broken arm.

Boxing Bout May Prove Fatal.

KITTANNING, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Seven doctors have agreed that Jack Milz, 18 years old, will die as a result of injuries received in a three-round sparring exhibition on the night of the November election. The bout was before the Dempsey Athletic club of Ford City, where young Milz lives. The fight was between Milz and Abner Strait, and Milz received terrific punishment.

HALF A MILLION MEN.

They Are Affected by Recent Mobilization Ordered by Czar—Some Retained for Reserves.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—The mobilization announced yesterday of the reserves in seven military districts affects a portion of about half the military districts of Russia. While some of the reserve men called to the colors will be used to complete the strength of the regiments going to the front, by far the greater portion will be formed into reserve units to replace troops which have already gone to the far east.

This year the conscripts taken number about 500,000 men, being about double the number usually called to the colors. The number of young men annually liable to military service is over 800,000. The new mobilization will entail additional relief measures for the families of reserve men, which probably will be met by increasing the credits of the zemstvos for this purpose.

Local Boxers Will Have Bouts.

The entertainment tomorrow night at the Business Men's club out Fifth avenue promises to be about the best thing in the boxing line that has taken place here for some time. The Herron Hill A. C., under whose auspices the show is being held, is leaving nothing undone to make it a success. Some of the best boxing talent in this city has been engaged. Joe Alton, who has been doing so well of late, will have a hard customer in Jack Rowe of Soho. Harry Brown, the ex-105-pound amateur champion, will meet Mike Madden of the Lyceum, and Patsy Brannigan will meet Skipper Persely. In addition to these Loudon Campbell, Jack McClelland and many others will appear.

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the following piece of land:

All that certain lot or piece of ground situated in the

Borough of Brackenridge,

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Beginning at the corner of Cherry Street and Brackenridge Avenue, in Brackenridge Plan of Extension of Tarentum, said lot having a front on the northerly side of Brackenridge Avenue and running back along Cherry Street toward the West Penn Railroad, reserving throughout the same width of 48 feet the distance of 120 feet.

Having thereon a two-story frame dwelling, used as a storeroom and dwelling house, and a one two-story frame dwelling with other and necessary outbuilding, etc.

Subject, however, to the lien of and to the payment of the debt and interest secured by that certain mortgage given by John Kammerer to John Soose, dated January 8, 1902, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for the County of Allegheny in Mortgage Book Vol. 1003, page 343, securing the payment in three years of the sum of $2,000.00 with interest.

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Incident Illustrating the Desire for Fresh Meat Among the Men in Front.

PRIVATIONS ARE WELL BORNE

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, ON THE FRONT LINE OF RUSSIAN DEFENSE, BELOW MUKDEN, Nov. 20.—The thermometer is five below zero. There has not been much snow yet, but it is perishing cold and fuel is almost at prohibitive prices.

We have just come in from a ride around the front. It was nearly a mile to the extreme front through fields of cut kaolin, the giant millet of Manchuria, which is being rapidly burned for fuel. Whole villages of Chinese huts have been gutted of every particle of wood work for the same purpose. Nearly the whole of the army is living underground, where body heat has to serve instead of fires.

Ahead of us, on the reverse face of the cliff, were scores of what looked like gigantic swallows' nests. They were simply holes in the cliff, each hole thatched around with a woven tunnel of kaolin stalks. Here the men live, a dozen to the dugout, packed like sardines at night for warmth, but comfortable. Some of the officers' dugouts are fairly luxurious.

The men have plenty of tea, and they are fairly fed, but fresh meat is a luxury that is not to be neglected at any juncture. While we were talking by the fire a half-grown pig came into view. Cossacks gave chase, but the pig gained the open ground and headed for the Japanese lines less than 400 yards away. Reckless of death or anything else, the Cossacks dashed in pursuit. The pig headed for Japanese position. A hidden trench suddenly gave up a party of Japanese, and away they went after the pig.

The Cossacks stopped and the Japanese headed the pig diagonally back toward the Russian lines. They did not catch it, but a fresh relay of Russians took up the chase, and the pig veered over again to the Japanese. Not a shot was fired all this time, and the Japanese and Cossacks stood within 100 paces of each other in the open, laughing at each other's non success. The last we saw of it, the pig was heading westward in the direction of Liao river.

Overhanging the edge of a narrow valley was a more than unusually commodious dugout. Inside a stove was cunningly built into the wall with homemade bricks. It had had a fire in it the day before, was shut up tight and was still warm. Before it on the ground sat Prince Radzivil, just come in from a scout. There was a table and a tiny window letting in a little light from a tunnel on one side. Hot tea, without lemon this time, added to the joys of living.

We turned back later along the route we had come. The opposite hillside was vacant and silent as usual. But from a far distant crest came a wink of light almost like a heliograph, and a few seconds later a big Byzantine shell burst with a thunderous noise. We climbed to a heliograph station on the cliff above and found the officer in charge flashing a message to Poutiloff hill. Through the binoculars we could see Poutiloff's tiny mirror winking in reply.

"New battery," said the officer, jerking his head toward where the shot had come from while a signal sergeant, through a transit, was scanning the hill crest. "Poutiloff and I have both got his angle approximately," he explained, "and we know the base line from here to Poutiloff hill so the next time he shoots we can triangulate on him and get the exact range. We will make things interesting for him a little later," he added significantly.

JAPANESE PREPARING FOR DESPERATE CHARGE

Have Been Compelled to Evacuate Etse Mountain Position. Reinforcements Asked For.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Daily Telegraph's Chefoo correspondent says that the steamer Lady Mitchell, which sailed from Tsingtao with supplies, ammunition and dynamite, reached Port Arthur during a snowstorm four nights ago. He says also it is reported the Japanese were compelled to evacuate Etse mountain owing to a flanking fire from other forts, and the explosion of Russian mines, from which they lost heavily.

The Japanese, the correspondent adds, are employing thousands of coolies in making strong forts at Dalny and around Port Arthur. They express a determination to capture Port Arthur before the Chinese New Year. An attack is now preparing that will be on a hitherto unequalled scale, and it will mean either success or terrible disaster to the besiegers.

The correspondent concludes by saying it is stated Gen. Nogi has asked for 60,000 reinforcements from Japan.

SOME SHIPS UNHARMED.

Russia Claims Japanese Have Not Destroyed All of Her Squadron in Port Arthur Harbor.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—The admiralty admits Russian advices from Port Arthur sent by Gen. Stoessel substantially confirm the Japanese advices of the partial wrecking of the Russian ships in the harbor. It is claimed several of the larger ships and a respectable number of torpedo boat destroyers are still seaworthy, but they are not being considered as a factor in the coming fight between Admiral Togo's ships and the Russian second Pacific squadron.

The reports that a Japanese squadron of 40 vessels had sailed to meet the second Pacific squadron is regarded at the admiralty as being incorrect, and circulated for a purpose.

ARMIES LIE DORMANT.

Only Firing is a Little Done at Night, and Even Pickets Withdraw to Dugout Shelters.

ERDAGOU, MANCHURIA, December 20.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The oppressive silence continues. Not a shot has been fired during the last 10 days. Both armies seem dormant. Only at night is there a little firing. Russian scouts crept out yesterday evening, east of Erdagou, and found the Japanese pickets withdrawn.

The cessation of hostilities has encouraged the natives to return to their villages, but some of the latter have been destroyed and are uninhabitable. A commission is engaged in paying indemnities to the destitute Chinese.

EXTERMINATE FOREIGNERS.

This is Said to Be One Object of Chinese Society Organized by Brethren Educated in Japan.

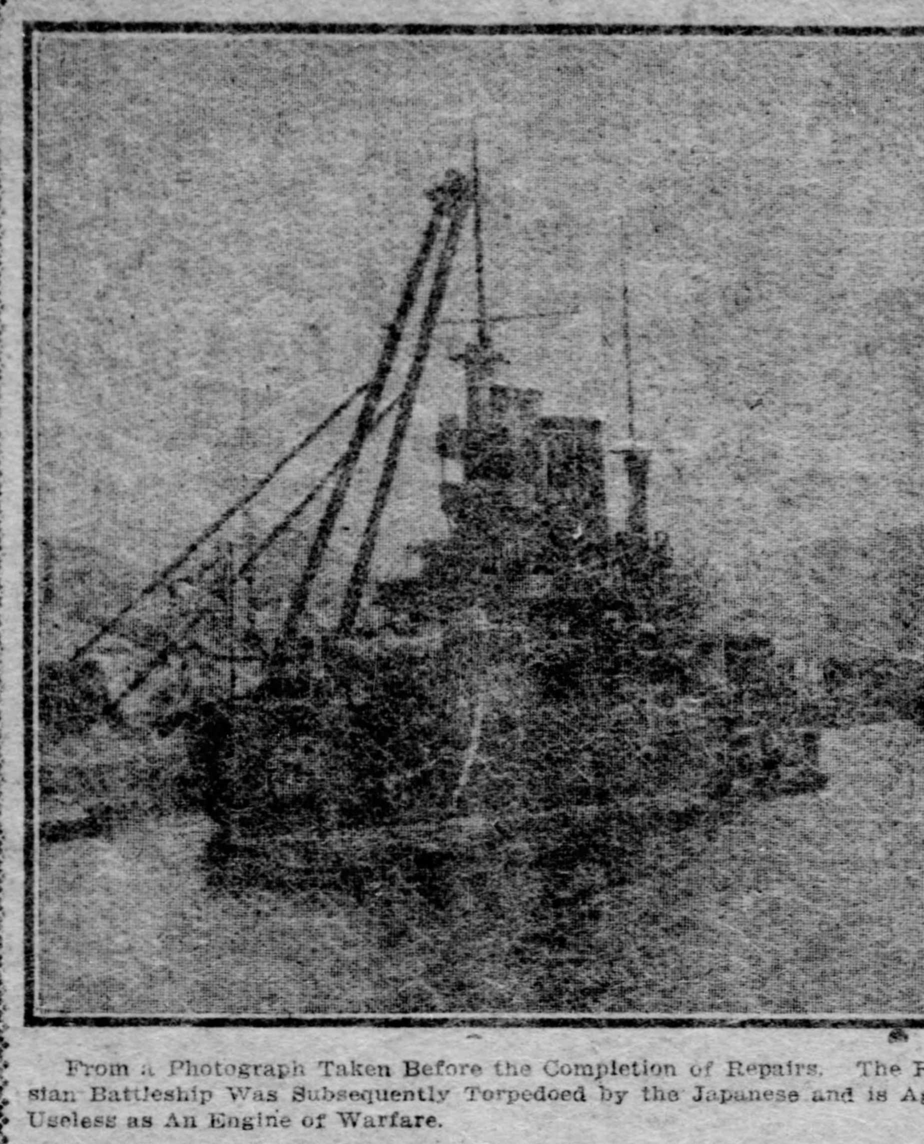
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—The Novoe Vremya today published a sensational story purporting to give inside details of the "Algoboy society." Organized among the Chinese by Chinamen educated in Japan, it is engaged in stirring up the population against the Manchurian dynasty, the latter being represented as responsible for the present humiliating position of the empire.

The society is preaching the annihilation of the foreigners who have gained a foothold in 14 provinces, contending this could be brought about by an alliance with their kindred, the Japanese, who have shown disinterested friendship for the Chinese.

Lake Erie Abolishes an Office.

Following the policy adopted on other Vanderbilt lines, notably the Nickel Plate, the office of freight claim agent of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie will be abolished. R. W. Smith, the incumbent, has resigned, effective January 1. All freight claims and matters pertaining to them will be handled by Auditor E. H. Kennedy. General Freight Agent W. A. Terry will handle all over, short, damage and refused and unclaimed reports and matters pertaining to tracing, reconsigning, etc.

REPAIRING THE SEVASTOPOL AT PORT ARTHUR



From a Photograph Taken Before the Completion of Repairs. The Russian Battleship Was Subsequently Torpedoed by the Japanese and is Again Useless as An Engine of Warfare.

CLADO STICKS TO HIS BLACK SEA STATEMENT

Witness Before North Sea Tribunal Says Fleet May Yet Pass the Dardanelles.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Capt. Clado, who was detached from Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron to testify before the international commission, made statements during his journey to Paris that are exciting considerable stir in official and diplomatic circles as indicating a defiant and belligerent tone on the eve of the assembling of the commission.

Clado declared British agitation over the North sea incident, leading up to the appointment of an international commission, was a plan to delay the Russian second Pacific squadron from relieving Port Arthur. He also asserted another campaign, having for its object the passage of the Dardanelles by the Russian Black sea fleet, will be launched at an opportune time. In the meantime, he added, men and equipment from the Black sea fleet will be sent to aid the second Pacific squadron.

It was pointed out at the embassy that Clado is not a member of the commission but only a witness, and therefore no official cognizance will be taken of his statements.

MORE CARRIERS DISMISSED.

Political Activity Causes Removal of Rural Mail Agents—Bill to Regulate Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Postmaster General Wynne today removed two more rural carriers for alleged efforts to influence legislation, the employes being H. E. Nivin, of Berthoud, Col., and J. W. Whitehead, of Medina, O. Nivin is chairman of the executive board of the National Rural Carriers' association. Whitehead also is a member of the executive board, and is secretary of the Ohio state organization of the carriers.

Representative Henry of Connnecticut introduced a bill today "To secure the full use of the United States rural mail equipment and to place the rural service on a paying basis." The bill provides "that within the limits of the respective rural routes, served by post wagons, parcels of mail matter shall be collected and delivered house to house, by the carriers in weight up to 200 pounds, and in dimensions up to a barrel—no parcel, however, to be more than six feet in length."

BUSINESS BLOCK BURNS.

Fire at East Liverpool Causes Damage of About $80,000—Firemen Overcome.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Exchange block, owned by C. C. and J. C. Thompson, was partially destroyed by fire today. D. M. Ogilvie, drygoods dealer, suffered $60,000 loss; the owners of the building, $10,000; Lewis Brothers, furniture dealers, $3,000, and other tenants $500 to $1,000 each. The losses are fully covered by insurance.

Several firemen were overcome by dense smoke and Assistant Chief James McCullough, Chief H. C. Morley and Fireman Patrick Woods were rescued in an unconscious state.

TWO FIREMEN BADLY BURNED.

Peculiar Accident Which Resulted in Severe Injuries to Fire Fighters.

Harry Hunt and Myer Samuels, members of No. 14 engine company, were badly burned about the face and hands yesterday afternoon by a gas explosion during a fire at the residence of George Brennon, Fifth avenue and Neville street. The accident was a somewhat peculiar one.

In the bathroom of the Brennon home a small gas stove was used for heating purposes. The gas escaped yesterday from the stove and, after accumulating for some time in the bathroom, there was an explosion and fire resulted. A still alarm was sent to No. 14 engine company, in Neville street, and the members responded. Just as the firemen were entering the bathroom a second explosion took place. A sheet of flame gushed out into their faces. Hunt and Samuel were in front and were badly burned. They were taken to their homes. The fire was extinguished after an hour's work, with a loss of about $1,000.

Yankee Warships at Valparaiso.

VALPARAISO, CHILE, Dec. 21.—The New York, Bennington and Marblehead, of the United States Pacific squadron, have arrived here. The Chilean authorities and the British and American elements here and at Santiago are preparing festivities in honor of the squadron.

Hibernians Object to Treaty.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Massachusetts, numbering about 30,000 members, went on record today as opposing a treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain.

Arrivals at Pittsburgh Hotels.

Griswold—James Beatty, Indiana; F. Armeur, Robbins; A. Neale, Fayette City; R. Barton, Uniontown; D. C. Maxman, Morgantown.

Colonial—L. Johnson, Scottdale; N. P. Tucas, Kane; H. Shields, Youngstown; F. P. Pyle, Indiana.

Antler—A. D. Wilkins, Martinsville; F. E. Tulest, Johnstown; R. J. Grant, Rochester; J. R. Miller, Uniontown, John R. Pott, Williamsport; W. J. Lutz, Wheeling; M. Meyer, Canton.

Monongahela House—S. C. Slathers, Clarksburg; J. H. Offutt, Greensburg; H. B. Scott, Homer City, Charles Campbell, Niles; George Mercer, Wheeling; F. J. Meyers, Hamilton; P. S. Newmeyer, Connellsville.

Seventh Avenue—W. B. McCormick, Brownsville; H. H. Truxell, Canton; H. B. Schriver, Sistersville; J. W. Luther, Indiana; D. Dempsey, Meadville; L. W. Togg, Uniontown.

Lincoln—F. H. Smith, Sharon; J. E. Hendrick, Brookville; J. G. Lenox, Toledo.

Duquesne—W. P. Barnum, Youngstown; L. E. Hughes, Franklin; John L. Hoffer, Springdale; T. E. Tucker, Dayton.

Henry—A. C. Hawkins, Bradford; A. L. Morgan, Wheeling; C. M. Cosall, Oil City; L. H. Smith, Uniontown; D. O. Evans, Youngstown.

FORT ON EAST KEKWAN AN IMPORTANT CAPTURE

It Opens the Way for Taking the Entire Mountain—Honors for Yezoe.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

HEADQUARTERS OF THIRD JAPANESE THIRD ARMY, BEFORE PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 21.—(Via Fusan.)—The capture of the north fort of East Kekwan mountain, December 18, by the Japanese, is of much importance, because it opens a way up the gorge to the highest hills, and will render easier the capture of the mountain. It gives much additional foothold for a general assault on the western half of the eastern fortified ridges. The Japanese now hold five of the seven protecting forts.

Commander Yezoe, who was killed while torpedoing the Sevastopol, has been promoted, and has been given other posthumous honors.

TOKYO, Dec. 21.—The Japanese transport Manshu leaves Japan for Port Arthur about December 28, carrying the foreign naval attaches and parliamentary delegations. The trip is intended to give the attaches an opportunity to make technical observations.

DETECTIVES PROCEED AGAINST MINING CO.

Informations Are Made Against Officers of the Amador Consolidated Concern.

City detectives yesterday proceeded against the officers of the Amador Consolidated Mining and Development Company, Smithfield and Diamond streets. Therom D. Fuller, assistant secretary, was arrested by Detectives Rice, Kelly and Riley on a charge of misdemeanor made by Supt. of Detectives McQuaide before Alderman J. V. McMasters. Fuller gave bail and was released. Informations have been made against Joseph Shurlow, president, and D. E. Mackinnon, secretary and manager. The detectives were unable to find these men last night.

The men are charged with violating the act of 1874 regulating foreign corporations. The Amador company was incorporated in Phoenix, Arizona. The act of 1874 requires foreign corporations to register with the secretary of the commonwealth at Harrisburg, before they solicit for business. The detectives received complaints against the concern and wrote to Frank M. Fuller, secretary of the commonwealth, receiving a reply that the Amador concern was not registered and that if they were selling mining stock they were doing so illegally.

The company allege they own the town of Amador, Missonle county, Montana, where they have copper, silver and gold mining interests. They have been established in the city since December 1, and have sold $10,000 worth of mining stocks. In addition to selling the mining stocks they have been selling lots in Amador. Thomas Flaherty, captain of the pool boat at Brown's shops, gave bail for Fuller.

Jumped from Car Window.

VALPARAISO, IND., Dec. 21.—An unidentified man going from Chicago to New York, jumped out of a car window of a Pennsylvania railroad train near here today, and made for the woods. Officers and a posse started after him, but so far they have failed to find him.

Ohio Bankers Are Bankrupts.

WOOSTER, O., Dec. 21.—L. P. Ohlinger, president, and J. R. Zimmerman, chairman of the board of directors of the Wooster National bank, which recently suspended, were today adjudged bankrupts here by Referee Kean.

NO HOPE GIVEN FOR RELIEF NOW

Drought Expected to Continue, Although a Slight Warming Up is Looked for Today.

RAILROADS HAULING WATER

No relief from the drought which is causing so much trouble in Western Pennsylvania is expected for the present by the weather man, although the weather stations in the west and middle west reported a rise of several degrees in temperature yesterday. Reports received at the local weather office leads the weather man here to expect a rise in temperature by this evening, but there was nothing yesterday to indicate that it will be sufficient to cause a thaw locally.

While the weather did not seem so cold in Pittsburgh and vicinity yesterday as on Tuesday, the temperature from 9 a. m. yesterday was from 5 to 10 degrees lower than on the previous day. Last evening the local temperature was stationary from 3 to 8 o'clock, being at 27, while on the day previous it ranged from 35 to 30 degrees during the same hours. Fair and warmer conditions are predicted for today, with a gradual rise in the temperature, but the indications for tomorrow are still in doubt, and the observer at Washington expects either rain or snow.

River Valleys Are Dry.

In the Monongahela, Allegheny and Youghiogheny river valleys the rivers are almost dry, while the wells and cisterns are running low and there is much danger of the supply from this source becoming exhausted soon. In the river valleys the snow on the ground ranges from 2 to 11 inches. A gradual warming up in the weather conditions, it is said, will not do much to turn this snow into water, and the little that would result from a few days of warm weather would soak into the ground, giving slight relief to the great demands on wells and cisterns and practically none to the river interests.

At the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company yesterday it was stated that no such drought has been experienced in 30 years. The water supply at Altoona has fallen so low that the Pennsylvania railroad has 20 locomotives hauling water trains of 10 cars each into Altoona. The company has 180 water cars, and all are in service. It is estimated that about 500,000 gallons a day are being taken into Altoona. The lack of water is playing havoc with the locomotives, many machines are in the shops for repairs and recently 50 were sent to the Baldwin shops for repairs. The Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago railroad is securing water for the locomotives on the middle division from Odells lake, 30 miles east of Crestline.

Pumping Engines Break Down.

Residents of the boroughs and towns that secure their water supply from the Pennsylvania Water Company suffered again yesterday from a shortage, which is the fourth time within as many weeks. Treasurer Joseph T. Miller of the company yesterday stated that both engines at the Wildwood pumping station were broken down. It was expected the repairs on the pumps would be completed by this morning. The new triple expansion pump, with a capacity of 12,000,000 gallons a day, will soon be in operation, he said.

The lack of water is still causing trouble at the mills and factories and yesterday extended to the public schools in some of the boroughs adjoining Pittsburgh. At Wilmerding 300 pupils in the two schools had to be dismissed for the day because of no water, and much fear is caused by the possibility of fires. The Westinghouse airbrake works suffered from a water shortage, but the plant did not shut down. The steel mills at the Edgar Thomson plant, which have been closed down because two furnaces were banked, yesterday resumed operations, 110 cars of coke having been received at the plant Tuesday night. The drought in the coke regions has reduced the supply of coke to run blast furnaces.

Fishermen have become very much concerned over the report that many of the smaller streams in this section and in West Virginia have become dry. This is causing the destruction of brook trout and bass. The low water in the rivers has also caused the fish to migrate in search of deeper water, and it is believed the places where fish are usually found will furnish a very scant supply, when the fishing season opens.

In the country and mountain districts the farmers are reported to be thawing snow in order to get water for their cattle and for domestic purposes.

MELIC'S NECK SAVED.

Man Who Killed Andrew J. Kelly in the Beechwood Boulevard Will Not Hang.

The board of pardons yesterday at harrisburg, commuted the death sentence of Dusan Melic, who killed Andrew J. Kelly, October 6, 1903, to life imprisonment. The action of the board was commended last night by the officers connected with the police and detective bureaus. The local officers were of the opinion that Melic should only have been convicted of manslaughter.

Kelly had been dismissed from the police force and was working as a private watchman when he met his death. Melic was walking with Mary Meritch in the Beechwood boulevard and Kelly heard the girl scream. Thinking that Melic was assaulting her, Kelly went to her assistance. Melic was joking with the girl and was surprised when Kelly rushed on him with a drawn revolver. Melic pulled his revolver and shot at Kelly. The latter fired three times at Melic, who put a bullet through Kelly's breast. Melic was tried and convicted of murder in the first degree. On March 27 last the girl was burned to death at her home.

The pardon board refused to commute the sentence of August Troutwein, Armstrong county, for murder, and the case against William J. Byers was continued until the next meeting of the board. Byers killed August Layton, near Turtle Creek, June 10, 1901.

Steubenville Pastor Called.

The Rev. August Bender of Steubenville, O., was elected pastor of St. Paul's United Evangelical German Protestant church in East street, Allegheny, last night, to succeed the Rev. C. H. W. Goosmann, who resigned. The Rev. Mr. Bender was formerly pastor of the Evangelical Zion congregation in Steubenville.

WELCOME PARKER'S RETURN TO BAR

Republicans and Democrats Alike Turn Out to Do Him Honor.

HE LAUDS THE JUDICIARY

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Alton Brooks Parker, former chief justice of the court of appeals, and Democratic candidate for the presidency in the last campaign, was the guest of honor tonight at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, given by the bench and bar of the city of New York. Republicans and Democrats alike were present to honor the justice's return to the practice of law. Former Justice D. Cady Herrick was also a guest.

Justice Morgan J. O'Brien of the appellate division of the supreme court, was the presiding officer. The speakers included former Gov. Frank S. Black, former Secretary of War, Elihu Root, William B. Hornblower and Judge Parker.

Judge Parker spoke briefly, saying in conclusion:

"I thank you for this kindly welcome to your ranks, and if while a member of the bench, I succeeded in contributing in some small degree, toward the maintenance of such judicial standard as we all would have, I beg you to regard it as an assurance of an earnest desire on my part to work side by side with you in your efforts to keep up the present high professional standing which the bar enjoys, as well as to uphold and strengthen our judiciary, whether local or state; a judiciary to which we give unhesitatingly our confidence and affection."

LIVES BY A MIRACLE.

Fourth Man to Fall 137 Feet from Williamsburg Bridge Has Probably Escaped Predecessors' Fate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Losing his balance while rivetting on a girder at the top of the new Williamsburg bridge today, Charles Summerfield fell 137 feet through the air, turning four complete somersaults, and landed in the river, feet first, miraculously escaping death. He sustained serious injuries, but the doctors believe he will live.

Summerfield is the fourth man to fall from the Williamsburg bridge, and is the only one who was not killed outright. Of the other three, two were suicides and one was killed accidentally.

President to Visit Richmond.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt today accepted an invitation to visit Richmond, Va., sometime next year. Mayor McCarthy presented the invitation, concluding with a promise of "such a welcome as the world would expect a brave, generous and hospitable people to extend to one of your exalted position and character."

Bishop Spaulding at Confirmation.

ERIE, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Bishop Franklin Spaulding exercised his episcopal functions for the first time tonight by permission of Bishop Cortlandt Whitehead, and confirmed 84 persons in St. Paul's church, of which he was rector. He will leave for Salt Lake City next Monday, December 26.

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No. 3—$5.00

24 Packages In This Box.

Strawberry Preserves, Salad Dressing, Cherry Preserves, Catsup (2), Red Raspberry Preserves, Apple Butter, Pineapple Preserves, Mince Meat, Tomato Soup, Worcester Sauce, Baked Beans (2), Horseradish, Chow-Chow, Mustard, Sour Gherkins, Pearl Onions, Sweet Mixed Pickles, Pepper Sauce, Sweet Midgets, Sweet Relish, Chili Sauce, Olives

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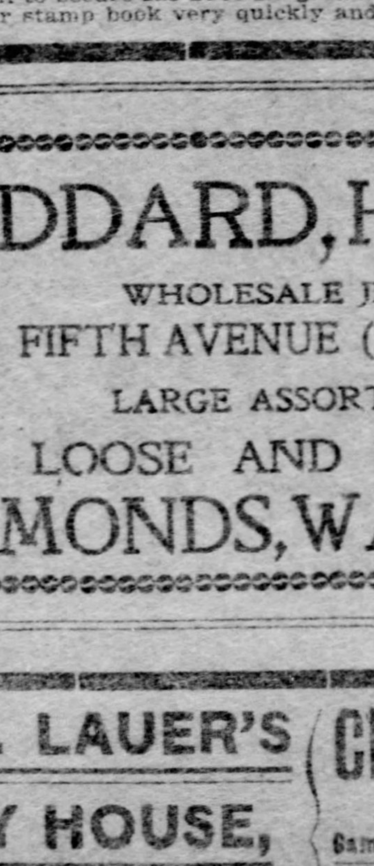

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SENATOR DEPEW SHOWS STRENGTH

The Platt Conference Develops Determination to Fight for His Re-Election.

PRESSURE ON GOV. ODELL

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU, Herald Building, Herald Square. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.

Friends of Senator Depew are jubilant tonight over the result of the conference of Republican leaders held at the call of Senator Platt today. They declare that the conference showed that Depew can now safely count on 65 votes in the Republican caucus, and that he will have a majority by the time the legislature meets. They believe Gov. Odell will submit to the inevitable and come out for Depew and that he will be elected.

The governor arrived from Newburg after the conference had adjourned and was waited upon by the committee appointed by the conference to lay before him the sentiments of those who composed it. He is expected to make a declaration of his position tomorrow. If he does not declare for Depew the latter's friends will carry the fight into the legislature.

The Odell men are not prepared to admit these claims. They say that the fact that Depew's friends claim less than a majority of the Republican membership in the legislature shows that the governor still controls the situation, and that if he wants to make a fight for Frank S. Black he can accomplish his election. But they admit that the Platt conference was larger than they expected and showed that Depew has more strength than they counted on.

The conference was held in the Fifth Avenue hotel. There were several speeches made and every one of them declared for Depew. The Platt men say every district in the state was represented and that 45 members of the legislature were there. Senator Platt appeared very much pleased after the conference. He was asked why the committee was appointed to wait upon Gov. Odell and replied:

"We only wanted to tone him down a little. Every man who made a speech was for Senator Depew."

Mr. Woodruff spoke several times always strongly for Mr. Depew's re-election, which he declared was demanded by overwhelming sentiment in Kings county. Said he:

"I have not heard a single person say that he was in favor of the election of ex-Gov. Black, but I have heard men say it would be nothing short of a crime not to elect Chauncey Depew. I believe that the Republican party in the state and in the United States will be seriously injured if Senator Depew is defeated. The people of the state, among them the people of the county of Kings, felt that in the last campaign they were voting for Chauncey M. Depew for senator just as much as they were voting for Higgins for governor."

COSTLY ALLEGHENY FIRE DAMAGED SIX BUILDINGS

Blaze Originating in Basement of Italo-French Produce Company Entailed Loss Estimated at $25,000.

Fire discovered in the building of the Italo-French Produce Company, 498 Dawson street, Allegheny, at 5:45 o'clock yesterday morning, communicated to 500, 502, 504 and 506 on the same street and several buildings in the rear on Jackson street, causing a loss estimated at $25,000.

Immediately after the discovery of the fire all the Allegheny downtown fire brigades responded and soon played 12 streams upon the blaze. The fire is thought to have originated from an explosion of a gas or gasoline tank in the basement. The produce company's principal business is the manufacture of noodles and macaroni. The flames enveloped the stable of G. Graham at 502 before a horse within could be rescued. The two-story frame dwelling at 504, occupied by the family of Philip Venora, was next afire, and Mrs. Venora, who was sick in bed, was carried out, also a six-months-old child. The residence of J. H. Meyers at 506 Dawson street was damaged by water, while the residence of A. V. Purnell of Jackson street, in the rear of the Dawson street buildings, sustained considerable damage from fire and water.

The produce company places the loss on its building, machinery and stock at about $20,000. Graham places his loss at $1,200; the furniture loss at the Venora home is held at $500 with no insurance; the loss in the Meyer home is fixed at $200, while the Purnell residence sustained $200 damage.

A two-story frame house in Eighth avenue, McKeesport was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, causing a $4,000 loss. Several members of the families making their home in the building escaped by jumping from the windows. In doing this Mrs. William Holliday fractured her leg and sustained bruises. She was taken to McKeesport hospital. The house was occupied by the families of William Holliday and William West.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

William W. Everett	Duquesne
Margaret F. Byerly	McKeesport
D. W. Kriffin	Braddock
Catherine Schmidt	Braddock
John H. Cook	Pittsburgh
Mary F. Carey	Pittsburgh
Charles Farrell	Pittsburgh
Mamie Brooks	Pittsburgh
Herman Savenga	Pittsburgh
Amelia E. Werner	Knoxville
Everett T. Mallery	Syracuse, N. Y.
Helen J. Davis	Aspinwall
William Warren	Pittsburgh
Lula Thomas	Pittsburgh
S. L. Leftwich	Pittsburgh
Carrie B. Gray	Pittsburgh
Alfred A. Walton	Pittsburgh
Agnes Pemberton	Pittsburgh
John Foggs	Pittsburgh
Marie Clash	Pittsburgh
Blair W. Pankey	Pittsburgh
Lucie A. Marshall	Pittsburgh
John S. Weimer	West Newton
Emma G. Seiver	West Newton
Thomas B. Logan	Pittsburgh
Lena Harvey	Pittsburgh
Simon Evans	Pittsburgh
Winifred Allen	Pittsburgh
Charles M. Wilson	New Castle
Jennie M. Douds	Plumville
Louis Marsing	Carnegie
Eliza Perry	Carnegie
Albert C. Gaster	Wilkinsburg
Agnes M. Tennent	Wilkinsburg
C. V. Kennedy	Wilkinsburg
Jennie C. Reed	Wilkinsburg
John Payne	Homestead
Willis A. Sherman	Homestead
Peter O. Toole	Braddock
Jane Corbett	Braddock
Walter T. Kreiser	Pittsburgh
Lucy M. Bowers	Pittsburgh
Newton K. Clements	Leechburg
Jessie E. Colwell	Kittanning
Alf Erickson	Allegheny
Emilie Swenson	Allegheny
Adam Stevenson, Jr.	Pittsburgh
Lizzie Clelland	Pittsburgh
George Knowlson	Hays
Agnes Miller	West Liberty
Levi Brittam	Bridgeville
Martha Davidson	Gladden
Howard V. Houseman	Pittsburgh
Mary Steinhauser	Elliott Boro
Charles Nichols	Pittsburgh
Harriet Calloway	Pittsburgh

Low Holiday Rates to All Points West of Pittsburgh Via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th and 31st; January 1st and 2d, good returning until January 4th, inclusive. Inquire of agents for further particulars.

Florida and Carolina Winter Resorts

Excursion rates via Seaboard Air line. Pullman service to Pinehurst, Camden and Florida points. R. H. Stansell, 503 Park building.

High-Grade Turkeys,

specially dressed; also ducks, squabs, chickens and high-grade creamery. McCann & Co., 401-410 Market street.

SOCIETY

ALTHOUGH no particulars concerning the wedding of Miss Katherine de Normandie Wilson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wilson of Pittsburgh, and Robert Haven Schauffler has as yet reached this city, the marriage was solemnized in St. Margaret's, Westminster, London, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with the rector of St. Margaret's officiating. There were no attendants and only a very few friends and relatives of the bridal couple were present as guests. Among these was Miss Lawrence Alma Tadema, a very intimate friend of the Wilson family, and a daughter of the artist, Lawrence Tadema. Mr. Wilson is in Pittsburgh, but will go to New York early in the new year to meet his son-in-law and daughter, who will come to America to be at home in Irvington-on-the-Hudson after January 10. They will be followed in April by Mrs. Wilson and her two younger

Mrs. Robert Haven Schauffler.

daughters, Miss Margaret Wilson and Miss Amy Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson and her three daughters have been abroad twice, their first visit having been spent in Munich, where the eldest daughter began her piano studies in the Royal College of Music. Until last June, when they left Paris during their second trip abroad, to spend the summer in Windsor, Miss Wilson was a pupil of Harold Bauer, who is so well-known and liked in Pittsburgh musical circles. Since November they have been in London. The last appearance of yesterday's bride before the Pittsburgh public was at an Art society concert, in 1902, when she played with the Kneisel quartet of Boston in the Schumann quintet.

Mr. Schauffler, in his realm of work, has gained an enviable reputation. He is even now finishing a book, the title of which is known only to the author. This work, when completed, will be published by the Century Company. Mr. Schauffler is a Princeton man, well known to the Pittsburgh graduates of that university. After being graduated from Princeton he finished a special literary course at the University of Berlin. He is a contributor to the Outlook and Century magazines and an editorial writer on the New York Independent. During his college courses Mr. Schauffler studied the violoncello under Steindel, Schroeder and Hugo Becker.

Christmas Celebration at the Schools.

The Thurston Preparatory school gave a charming Christmas entertainment yesterday morning. One of the Christmas carols sung had been composed by a pupil, Miss Mary Porter Everson, and was warmly applauded. Scenes from Mother Goose were given by pupils in the intermediate department and "Rubber Boots," a short play, was enacted by Miss Marguerite Botsford, Miss Elsie McCutcheon, Miss Harriet Schrender and Miss Frances Ball. Miss Helen Balph, Miss Marie Seidell, Miss Eliza Kennedy and Miss Jean Brown gave "A Chinese Dummy." The kindergartners had all made presents for their fathers and mothers and these were distributed to the guests after the program.

The pupils of the Alinda Preparatory school held their annual Christmas service yesterday afternoon in the gymnasium of the new school building, in Fifth avenue, between Clyde and Neville streets. The music was given by the school choir and the Rev. William L. McEwan, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church, made the address.

Unique Affair for Visiting Friend.

Miss Flora B. Myers of Baltimore, who is visiting Miss Helen Kaufmann of Walnut street, East End, was guest of honor at a very delightful and unique affair which her hostess gave yesterday afternoon. It was a hearts and flowers party, hearts being the game played at eight tables. As each guest entered the drawing room she was given a flower corresponding with a large one which hung over the table at which she was later seated. These large flowers were blotters which, at the close of the games, were awarded as prizes. Miss Elsie Trauerman, Miss Amy Frank, Miss Jonas, Miss Helen S. Kaufmann, Miss Birdie Silverman and Miss Eva Arons won the prizes.

Skating Suppliants Cards.

The Roundabout club, a new organization composed of young people of the East End who meet and play euchre fortnightly, will have a skating party at Duquesne garden this evening instead of the usual entertainment at cards. The following are members of the club: Miss Bernice Storey, Miss Madoline Faeder, Miss Imogene Rossiter, Miss Freda Wuttke, Miss Elsie Wuttke, Miss Pearl Price, Miss Hilda Nusser, Miss Grace Miller, William Foeder, J. C. Ebersberger, Herbert Stahl, John Casey, Harold Phillips, George Booth, Boyd McCurdy, A. C. Baer.

Home from Denver.

Miss Katherine McCook and her sister, Miss Eleanor Mary McCook, have returned to "Clover Rest," their home in Swissvale, after a visit of five weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hearne of Denver, Col. During their stay in the west with the Hearnes, who are former Pittsburghers, the two girls were extensively entertained. Mrs. Hearne giving a large dinner dance at the Country club a few days after their arrival and Mr. Hearne later taking a party in his private car to the Grand Canyon of Arizona. There were also numerous theater parties, tally-ho rides and dinners.

Bridal Couple at Home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bissell Speer have taken possession of their home in St. James place, Shadyside, and are now receiving their friends. Mrs. Speer was Miss Helen Stockton Cook before her marriage in October, and since returning from their wedding trip she and her husband have been stopping with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander M. Speer of Center avenue. Dr. and Mrs. Speer will give their usual family dinner on Christmas day.

Bride and Bridegroom Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Fleck, who were married last month, are the guests of the latter's brother-in-law and sister, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. D. F. McGill of Chartiers street, Allegheny. Mr. and Mrs. Fleck concluded their wedding trip last Saturday evening, when they went to their home in Johnstown, remaining until Tuesday evening, when they returned to Allegheny. They will be in the city until Tuesday of next week.

The Curtis Home.

The managers of the Curtis home in Breckenridge avenue are planning a Christmas treat for the children on Saturday afternoon. Miss Reahard, director of the Minersville kindergarten, has promised to give them the Christmas tree from her school. Any gifts which anyone cares to send for these destitute children will be much appreciated. Every effort is being made to make the day a bright one for the little people.

New Brighton Club Met.

The new Brighton club met yesterday afternoon. The program included a paper on "Nicholas I," by Mrs. H. P. Brown; reading, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," Mrs. T. D. Brown; paper, "Nijni Novgorod," Mrs. Davis, and a talk on "The Russian Christmas," by Miss Scott. The next meeting will be held on January 4 with Mrs. Joseph Mayer as hostess.

Julia Ward Howe's Daughter Here.

The meeting of the Woman's club of Sewickley yesterday was omitted because of other holiday functions. On January 4 the club will discuss "Cathedrals of Northern France." Mrs. Florence Howe Hall, daughter of Julia Ward Howe, will be one of the speakers.

Staehle-Hedges.

Very simple but very pretty was the wedding of Miss Alma Cecelia Staehle, daughter of Mrs. Susan C. Staehle, and George Robert Hedges, which took place last evening at the bride's home in Penn avenue, East End. The only attendants were Miss Mary Elizabeth Markey of Allegheny and St. Clair E. Nace of Columbus. The Rev. Dr. Edmund Belfour, pastor of the Memorial Evangelical Lutheran church of Allegheny, performed the ceremony at 7 o'clock. The bride wore a beautiful robe of white embroidered marquisette and tulle

Mrs. George Robert Hedges.

veil, and carried a shower of Roman hyacinths. Her maid of honor was gowned in pale green chiffon crepe and carried pink roses. The guests included only the immediate relatives and most intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom, who left after the wedding supper for a southern tour. They will be at home later in Columbus, where the bridegroom is junior member of the firm of Crum, Raymond & Hedges. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schock and Miss Mary Schock of Lancaster were among the out-of-town guests at the wedding.

Morrow-Graham.

A pretty wedding took place last evening at the home of Mrs. Mary Graham in Lincoln avenue, Allegheny, the bride being Miss Bessie Graham and the groom Clifford B. Morrow of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. F. McGill of the Sixth United Presbyterian church. The wedding march was played by Miss Mame Stone, an intimate friend of the bride. Miss Mame Mahaffey was the maid of honor and Harry M. Crider was best man. The bridal robe was exquisitely fashioned of point d'esprit over white taffeta. The bridal bouquet was a cluster of lilies of the valley and white roses tied with white satin and tulle. The maid of honor wore a gown of white mousseline and carried pink roses tied with pink tulle. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow left last evening for the east and will be at home to their friends after January 1 in Lincoln avenue.

House Party at "Rowaniea."

The first members of the large house party which is to be entertained over the holidays by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander R. Peacock at "Rowanlea," their home in North Highland avenue, will arrive tonight. The party will include Mr. and Mrs. George W. Allen, the grandparents of Mrs. Peacock; Miss Minnie Allen, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Swaim, Miss Marie Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bedell, Mrs. Peacock's parents, all of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Peacock's sisters, Mrs. J. Norvals and Mrs. A. Norvals of East Orange, N. J.; William Edwards of Brooklyn and Walter Booth of New York. On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Peacock will give a large house dance for their guests, the last of whom arrive on Sunday morning.

Christmas Dinner at the College.

The resident students and the members of the faculty of the Pennsylvania College for Women gave their annual Christmas dinner last evening in the college dining room. The feature of the affair was the exchange of gifts and as the dinner is a time-honored institution at the college, it is an event made unusually enjoyable. In addition to the students and the faculty there were present Mrs. Samuel A. Martin, Miss Jeau Martin, Mr. Yoshida and Miss Yoshida, the Japanese artists; Miss May Lynne, Miss Edna McKee and Miss Mary Ellen Armstrong.

Notes of the Clubs.

The Sunshine club of the South Side branch of the Young Women's Christian association will give a children's party this evening at 7 o'clock in their assembly rooms in Carson street. A Christmas tree will be the feature of entertainment.

The meeting of the Southern Woman's club which was to have been held today has been postponed owing to the number of social functions being given at this season. This organization will give a musicale on January 4 at the home of Mrs. James Blair Walker in Forbes street, East End.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny presbyteries held its quarterly meeting yesterday in the First Presbyterian church, Arch street, Allegheny.

Notes of Society.

The marriage of Miss Hattie A. Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Saunders, and Charles I. Most of Homewood, took place last evening at the home of the bride's parents in Cassett street, the Rev. W. E. McCullough, pastor of the Hamilton Avenue United Presbyterian church, officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Estelle Munk and the best man was Howard McConaghey. The bridal couple will live in Islewild street, Homewood.

The hearts party which the Misses Lowry of Black street were to have given on December 28 has been postponed until January 28.

Miss Babetta Silverman of Stratford avenue will entertain on Friday afternoon, December 30, at her home in the East End.

The Western Pennsylvania students who are attending the Princeton Theological seminary arrived in Pittsburgh yesterday morning for their Christmas vacation. The party included Messrs. Eagleson, Wilson, Smith, Evans, Stewart, Bingham, McCarty, McCormick and Osborne.

FIRST DIVIDEND ON COMMON SINCE 1876

Reading Holding Company Declares Stockholders Will Be Paid 1 1-2 Per Cent on First of February.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILDAELPHIA, Dec. 21.—The directors of the Reading Company, the holding company of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, today declared a semi-annual dividend of 1½ per cent on the common stock, the first that has ever been authorized on the stock of the holding concern. The dividend is payable February 1, to stockholders of record January 14.

January 25, 1876, the old Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company paid its last dividend on common stock. Since that time the company has been twice in the hands of receivers, and the holding company was the outcome of the second receivership.

Prior to declaring the dividend on the common stock, the directors declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent on the second preferred stock, payable May 10, 1905, to stockholders of record April 22. It was obligatory for the directors to place the second preferred stock on a 4 per cent per annum basis, before a dividend could be declared on the common stock.

For the first time in many months every director of the company was present, including Henry C. Frick, who was recently elected.

DANGERS OF COAL DUST.

Warning Paper Read at Closing Session of Mining Institute.

The Central Mining institute of Western Pennsylvania closed its sessions yesterday afternoon in common pleas court room No. 1.

The most interesting topic of the day was a paper on "Coal Dust," read by Thomas Jackson of Oliver, Pa. Mr. Jackson demonstrated the many dangers that arise from coal dust in mines, no matter what kind of coal was being mined. He said that all mine foremen and superintendents should remember that coal dust was always a dangerous factor in mining. The best method of eliminating dangers of this kind, he said, was to install a series of pipe lines, with perforated branches so that all dust and dry places in the mines could be sprinkled.

William L. Affelder of Mossgrove, Pa., read a paper on the loading of coal into box cars and had a working model showing how this work was done.

SECURES MINERAL COLLECTION

Carnegie Museum to Receive Jefferies' Specimens by Order of Steelmaster.

Announcement has just been made by Dr. William J. Holland, who has returned from a visit to New York, where he visited Andrew Carnegie, that the steel master had authorized the purchase of the Jefferies collection of minerals.

This collection represents 60 years of labor and research of W. W. Jefferies, who is 85 years of age and who since youth, has been cashier of the Chester county bank at West Chester, Pa. The collection contains over 14,000 speciments of mineral, abounding in the types described by Dana, Brush, Charles Upham Sheppard and other eminent mineralogists.

STOLE TO GET CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR HIS SISTER

Because he had no money to buy his sister a Christmas present, William Stahr, who says he lives in Oakland, last evening took a woman's fur scarf from in front of the store of B. Freetlamber in Eighth avenue, Homestead. Stahr's act was detected by the proprietor, who captured him after a chase. Stahr was taken to the office of Justice Jones in Homestead, and committed to jail for court.

WATER IS SHUT OFF.

Mines and Factories at Greensburg Suffer from Drought—Many Coal Operators Affected.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Greensburg today for the first time felt the effects of the drought, the Westmoreland Water Company having shut off the water from all of the larger industrial plants and coal mines. The Keystone Coal and Coke Company which has 15 mines in operation here is the greatest sufferer.

Pipe lines have been laid to all streams near the various plants to secure water for the boilers, but permanent relief cannot be secured in this way as many of the runs are either frozen to the bottom or contain too great a percentage of sulphur to be used. At least 2,500 men will be affected.

Will Speak on Arctic Researches.

William Libbey, Sc. D., professor of physical geography and director of the museum of geology and archaeology of Princeton university, will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Greenland" before the Academy of Science and Art in the Conservatory of Music, Dithridge street, tonight. Professor Libby was connected with two relief expeditions sent to the Arctic regions after Lieut. Robert E. Peary in 1894 and 1899, and the synopsis of his lecture promises interesting facts concerning those expeditions.

"Father of British Navy" Dies.

PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND, Dec. 21.—Admiral Sir Erasmus Ommanney, the "Father of the British navy," died here today after a lengthy illness. He was the last survivor of the battle of Navarino, fought in 1827, which resulted in the destruction of the Turkish fleet. The admiral was born in 1814 and entered the navy in 1826.

HIT BY TIDAL WAVE.

Steamship Kroonland Had an Exciting Time on Her Voyage to New York from Antwerp.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—After a stormy voyage the Red Star line steamship Kroonland arrived today from Antwerp. On the second day out a stewardess went insane.

On the morning of December 12, the vessel was struck by a tidal wave which brought her to a standstill, and sent tons of water tumbling over her decks. P. Pirotte a Belgian cabin passenger, was thrown across the deck, and his left leg broken. The water dashed higher than the funnels, and swept the hurricane deck. Fritz Sortlandt, the lookout, was thrown out of the crow's nest.

Hearing Shea Will Contest.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Testimony was taken today in the orphans court against the probating of the will of the late John C. Shea of Irwin. Mr. Shea left an estate of $25,000 to his brother, Daniel Shea. Florence Shea, Michael Shea, Mrs. Mary Musick and Mrs. Catharine McNally, brothers and sisters of the testator, contest the will, alleging undue influence on the part of the sole legatee. It is also claimed that John C. Shea was of unsound mind.

Present for Agent Hitchcock.

J. S. Hitchcock, agent of the Pacific Express Company at Pittsburgh, has just been remembered by the others connected with the company's local offices, in a substantial manner. He was presented with a handsome leather rocking chair. The presentation was made by P. F. Sheedy in a speech of congratulations on the successful start of the company's business here and of best wishes and promises of loyal co-operation of the other employes.

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Cashmere Shawls, 2 yards square, white or black, $1.00. Value $2.00.

The stock of Shawls include Embroidered Canton Crepe or China Silk to be used for wraps or gowns. Real Indian and Persian or Cassimere. Shetland and Algerian.

Empire Scarfs for theater use and a fine Black Cassimere—an imported shawl—for "Religieuse" dress.

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Commissoner of Corporations Says Legitimate Firms Will Not Suffer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BUREAU

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The annual report of James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, made public today, contains the following:

As the commissioner is not charged with the enforcement of any law nor with the prosecution of persons or corporations alleged to be or found to be violating any law, the work of the bureau is primarily an inquiry into the industrial and legal methods used by the agencies engaged in interstate and foreign commerce, and the purpose of such inquiry to afford accurate knowledge of industrial conditions upon which there may be based intelligent legislative action.

In the investigation of special corporations the commissioner will necessarily acquire knowledge of business facts the publication of which would be an infringement of private rights. The method of reporting and making public the results of these investigations affords a means, through the president, for protecting private rights. In this particular the method of procedure is similar to the action and reports of the comptroller of the currency regarding national banks. There will thus be presented to congress all relevant facts except such as would afford to any corporation information which would injure the legitimate business of a competitor and destroy the incentive for individual superiority and thrift.

While the purpose of inquiries and special investigations is not to discover violations of federal statutes, yet, if facts are found showing such violation, they will be reported as other facts to the president for such consideration and action as may be appropriate or necessary.

The Principal Evils.

Under present industrial conditions, secrecy and dishonesty in promotion, overcapitalization, unfair discrimination by means of transportation and other rebates, unfair and predatory competition, secrecy of corporate administration and misleading or dishonest financial statements are generally recognized as the principal evils. It is admitted that the chief difficulty in the way of providing ample remedies has been the conflict between federal and state authority as to jurisdiction over many of the acts of great industrial agencies, and the uncertainty of the extent of regulation exercised or to be exercised by the federal government over agencies engaged in both state and interstate commerce.

The immediate work is, hence, not to prove the existence of such evils and difficulties, but to find possible remedies for them. The remedies must not be simply to destroy existing bad conditions—mere destruction affords only temporary relief—but they must provide something better to take the place of what is changed. The imposition of severe penalties will not end industrial evils. We must find and remove their cause, leaving only the extreme or exceptional cases to be dealt with by criminal statutes.

The government should secure means for fair business competition, freedom from unjust discrimination, such publicity of corporate organization and management as will disclose real financial worth and methods, should provide a jurisdiction broad enough to meet existing conditions, and then should fully protect the person or corporation obeying the law and promptly punish the violator of the law.

The facts upon which remedial legislation must be based are in the possession of persons and corporations engaged in business—some have been given to the public, others have been incidentally furnished through judicial and legislative proceedings, and others have been held as business secrets. As to the first two classes, the bureau has been systematically collecting them from all available sources; as to the last class special inquiries have been made or are being made from particular corporations. In dealing with this class of facts it is recognized that there is a fair ground for discussion as to whether certain questions are infringements upon private rights, hence the following method of procedure has been adopted:

Inquiry is made directly from the persons or corporations under investigation; if it be determined that the government is entitled to the information, it must be given voluntarily or the compulsory process of the statute will be invoked; if the government is not entitled to the information, then no detective method will be used to discover it.

All Facts Subjected to Inquiry.

There has been no attempt to define the scope of the inquiry to be made, nor to limit it to certain classes of facts. All facts which will give information regarding interstate and foreign commerce, or will assist congress in regulating such commerce, are subjects of legitimate inquiry.

One line of inquiry concerning which question has been raised is as to the cost of production of articles used in or subjects of interstate and foreign commerce. So far it has not been necessary to test this question in court, but it is believed that aside from any other reason the question is proper because of the power of congress to impose tariff duties in the regulation of commerce. The ideal tariff duty is the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad; hence congress has the right to know what is the cost of production. Furthermore, it is claimed that the tariff gives an unfair advantage to corporations and persons engaged in the manufacture and distribution of protected articles which are the subjects of interstate and foreign commerce. Congress has the right to know whether this be true or not, and this bureau affords a most appropriate and efficient means for obtaining such information.

In brief, the policy of the bureau in the accomplishment of the purposes of its creation is to co-operate with, not antagonize, the business world; the immediate object of its inquiries is the suggestion of constructive legislation, not the institution of criminal prosecutions. It purposes, through exhaustive investigations of law and fact, to secure conservative action and to avoid ill-considered attack upon corporations charged with unfair or dishonest practices. Legitimate business—law-respecting persons and corporations—have nothing to fear from the proposed exercise of this great governmental power of inquiry.

Federal incorporation is one of the two more practical methods suggested. It assumes the passage by congress of a complete corporation law with the compulsory requirement that all corporations engaged in interstate commerce shall be organized under such law. It contemplates that such corporation law shall be so drawn as to embody all the necessary and proper features to provide an efficient form for the carrying on of corporate business, and at the same time to safeguard properly all the interests involved therein. Such a law should have three principal features: The creation by congress of corporations with power to engage in interstate commerce, the prohibition upon all other corporations from engaging in such commerce, the granting to such federal corporations of the right to manufacture and produce within the several states.

POLITICAL.

Headquarters Republican City Executive committee, corner Diamond and Grant streets (third floor), Pittsburgh, Pa., December 20th, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the above committee has been called for Friday evening, December 23d, 1904, at the Republican headquarters, corner Diamond and Grant streets, (third floor) at 8 o'clock, sharp, for the purpose of acting upon the following amendment to rule 3, section 2, entitled: "Primary Elections," which was presented at a meeting held on Tuesday evening, December 13th, 1904, and which according to the rules, cannot be voted upon until the succeeding meeting which shall be held not less than 10 days thereafter. The amendment is as follows:

After the words "Primary Election" on the last line of section 2, rule 3, entitled Primary Elections, add the following: "Provided, however, that any elector who voted the Republican ticket at the national election in November, 1904, shall be deemed a Republican voter for the purpose of voting at the primary election to be held in the month of January, 1905."

Members of the committee are earnestly requested to be present. By order of

M. G. LESLIE, Chairman.

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DEAL FOR RUSH HOLDINGS CLOSED

They Were Bought by New Yorkers Who Traded Apartment Hotels.

EAST END PROJECT ASSURED

J. F. Berger, who recently announced the sale of three properties in Pittsburgh belonging to the E. M. Rush estate, has just closed the exchange deal in which these properties figured. It develops they were secured by the Seaboard Realty Company of New York, known also by the firm name of Irons & Todd. These men owned three apartment hotels in New York valued at $4,150,000, which figured on the other end of the deal. One of the hotels is Bretton hall, a 13-story building covering the entire frontage on the east side of Broadway between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth street, and running back 114 feet. This building is the largest strictly apartment hotel in New York and is under lease for 20 years to the Anderson & Price Company, which operates the Ormond in Florida and the Mount Washington and Mount Pleasant in the White mountains. The hotel Regent, also owned by them, is a 13-story building at the northeast corner of Seventeenth street and Amsterdam avenue, occupying a lot 100 feet square. The Sherman Square Hotel Company has a 21-year lease on the building. The third building is the Hotel Aberdeen, at 17-21 West Thirty-second street, which is leased to the Thirty-second Street Hotel Company. The buildings were completed in the fall of 1903 and contain in the aggregate over 1,000 rooms and 500 bath rooms. The total net rental is said to be $220,000 a year. The Rush properties, sold in Pittsburgh, were the Gusky store building at Fourth avenue and Market street, 225 Fifth avenue and 5.5 acres in outer Second avenue. These properties were put into the deal at $1,100,000. At the prices quoted the New York properties pay about 5 per cent gross. It is reported that the New Yorkers will turn the Gusky building into a hotel.

Apartment Houses Going Ahead.

Architect Edward J. Schellentrager will be ready for estimates the first of next week on two more of the group of four apartment houses to be built by a syndicate of New York capitalists at Penn and Homewood avenues, East End. The buildings will cost $150,000 and $100,000 respectively, and will both face in Penn avenue. Both will be five-story structures with a frontage of 62.5 feet, one being 90 feet and the other 130 feet deep. They will be strictly fire proof in construction and will be built after the most approved eastern methods of apartment house construction with the special aim of making the rooms large and light, every room in the building being an outside one. The larger building will contain 30 and the smaller building 20 suites of six rooms each. All the rooms will be finished in hardwood and will have hardwood floors. The vestibules will be finished in marble and tile and the halls in hardwood. Both passenger and freight elevators will be provided.

The work of excavating for the first of the group of apartment houses for which the contract was awarded last Saturday to Scott & Kriebie was started Tuesday. This will be a six-story fire proof structure and will cost $140,000. Two features of its construction will be a large roof garden and a children's play room. Work will be rushed on the building, as it is expected to have it ready for occupancy by June 1. Plans for a fourth building, to be erected on the same lot, are now being prepared by Architect Schellentrager and bids will be taken early in January. This will be a three-story fire proof structure 62x130 feet, facing in Homewood avenue. It will contain 12 suites of six rooms each and will be finished like the larger buildings.

Millvale is to have a Masonic temple if the plans of Corinthian lodge No. 578 carry. An association, of which L. H. Crick is president, has been formed to erect a building at Grant avenue and Butler street. The lower stories of the building will be used for stores and offices and the top floor will be arranged for a meeting place for various orders. Plans for the building, which is expected to cost $25,000, will be drawn in a few weeks so that it may be ready for occupancy early in the spring.

John K. Ewing & Co. have been appointed exclusive agents for the Anna B. Cuthbert estate, consisting of a number of brick houses in the Sixth ward of Allegheny, and the McKee estate, which owns considerable property in the Second ward of Allegheny. They have also received the agency of the properties of the West Virginia Loan Company, which are located in Pittsburgh and Wilkinsburg.

Scattering Real Estate Deals.

Coltart square: The Aronson Realty Company sold for Peter Haberman to A. Venfield 218 Coltart square, Fourteenth ward, a nine-room solid brick house on 35x94 feet, for $5,950. The property was bought for a home.

Irwin avenue: Clyde N. Rayburn sold to the Lawton Real Estate Company 100x133 feet on the northwest side of Irwin avenue, Twenty-second ward, for $9,500 and for the same buyer to the Mortgage Banking Company 50x150 feet on the west side of Denniston avenue, near Homewood avenue, same ward, for $5,000.

Anderson street: Anton Wolt sold to Theodore N. Eaton an improved lot 30x100 feet on the south side of Anderson street, near Mason street, Thirteenth ward, for $6,500.

Rural avenue: Henry G. Hetzel sold to William J. Fitzsimmons an improved lot 24x100 feet on the south side of Rural avenue, near Euclid avenue, Nineteenth ward, for $4,000.

Frederick street: Peter Hartman estate sold to Leo Reed an improved lot 40x80 feet on the north side of Frederick street, Twenty-ninth ward, for $2,250.

Collins avenue: Henry H. Freeman sold to Lyman H. Fellabom 63x101 feet on the east side of Collins avenue, near Stanton avenue, Nineteenth ward, for $4,725.

Bluff street: Jane Conrad sold to George I. Egan an improved lot 25x107 feet on the north side of Bluff street, Sixth ward, for $2,500.

Maple avenue: John H. King sold to J. G. Derbaum an improved lot 25x100 feet in Maple avenue, Thirty-first ward, for $4,000.

Samuel W. Black & Co. have rented the four-story brick building, 26x112 feet, at 828 Fifth avenue, to Nathan Stein and also the four-story brick building, 26x112 feet, at 900

A. O. Detchon of the Union Realty Company closed a trade deal whereby he acquires title to a frame house known as 800 Fifth avenue, McKees Rocks, with lot 20x100 feet, for $4,500. In payment he delivers to Leo Brown a farm of 16 acres in Robinson township, improved with a frame cottage valued at $4,500.

Transfers Recorded.

Lebanon Heights Land Co to J W Willard, Oct 7, Scott twp, 50x100, Willard ave	$ 1,100
Salt Jennie R to H L Bender, Dec 14, Millvale, 66x100, Selge st	2,250
Lilley W C to Cath Nilles, Nov 5, 28th wd Pgh, 50x100, Gearing ave	1,400
Schwerd A F to Caroline Selling, Nov 5, 11th wd, Alleg, 49x159, Shady ave	2,695
Gerber Louis to Caroline Selling, Nov 8, 11th wd, Alleg, 40x153, Shady ave	1,050
Hippely C H to Wm A Selling, Nov 4, 11th wd, Alleg, 71x142, Shady ave	3,550
Mercantile Trust Co to Caroline Selling, Nov 3, 11th wd, Alleg, 40x153, Shady ave	1,050
Turtle Creek Land Impt Co to S E Rush, Nov 23, Turtle Creek, 30x96, Maple ave	1,200
Whelan J A to Wm Shartner, Dec 12, N Braddock, 23x110, Ridge ave	2,300
Stokes Thos to D McIntyre, Nov 30, 19th wd, Pgh, 24x110, Kincaid st	2,100
Wetter B to P J Schaefer, Dec 13, 14th wd, Alleg, 50x100, East st	7,500
Held Henry to Theo Lohfink, Dec 1, 21st wd, Pgh, 25x100, Maple ave	3,900
Dime Sav B & L A to E Love, Dec 14, O'Hara twp, J B Murray st, 20x100	1,200
Lippert E T to E T Lippert Saw Mfg Co, Dec 19, Millvale, 73x120, Sample st	16,500
Rosser Henry to M J Cunningham, Dec 15, 4th wd, Alleg, 22x100, Federal st	40,000
Blaias R F to H I Goldstein, Dec 12, 6th wd, Pgh, 66x45, Chestnut st	12,000
Roberts Jno to J Glassbrenner, Nov 1, 15th wd, Alleg, 40x87, Woods Run ave	2,900
Jamison Alice to N Boscio, Dec 15, 21st wd, Pgh, 24x91, Race st	1,635
Paul C G to Natitorum Co, Dec 16, 20th wd, Pgh, 150x163, Shady ave	60,000
Dailey Wm E to S M McClure, May 28, Coraopolis, 41x127, Main st	1,800
Matthews H F to Emilie Havey, Dec 12, Carrick, 30x117, Brownsville road	5,000
Logan Thomas to J A Denan, June 29, Sheraden, 76x98, Oakdale ave	1,600
Jack John L to M E Qualtbrough, Dec 14, Wkbg, 22x70, Jane st	4,200
Weaver J H to P J Pierce, Sept 6, Penn twp, 30x62, Jeannette alley	1,650
McLain W J E to Sarah Williams, Nov 29, Dravosburg, 48x100, Clay st	2,000
Detzel Christ to Chas Winkler, Nov 9, 15th wd, Alleg, 100x169, Evergreen Plank road	1,800
German W J to Hulda Larson, Dec 15, 9th wd, McKpt, 105x169, Panama st	3,500
Security Invest Co to Emma L Moore, Oct 15, 21st wd, Pgh, 75x130, Thomas st	28,000
Grimes Thos H to Jno M Watson, June 9, Sewickley, 44x136, Grimes st	2,500
Gregg Bessie D to Jno M Batten, Dec 1, 23d wd, Pgh, 100x87, Second ave	55,000
Allen A E to J M Allen, Mch 30, 10th wd, Alleg, 25x120, Ella st	2,000
Silveus J G to Jno A Fertig, Dec 16, Munhall, 25x122, McClure st	4,000
Ross Charles to Conrad Fey, Oct 29, 21st wd, Pgh, 100x155, Campania ave	1,800
Born J E to Wm W King, Sept 24, 22d wd, Pgh, 100x118, Roy st	5,000
Alleg-Bellevue Land Co to Jno W Pitts, Nov 4, Ross twp, 150x120, Bellevue ave	1,050
Highland Land Co to S M Bowman, July 13, N Versailles twp, 20 lots, N McKpt plan	8,300
Rayburn C N to Lawton R E Co, Sept 8, Sheridan, 82x100, Berwyn ave	1,100

TWO CHANGES IN CONDITIONS

Proverb Solvers Get Time Extension, While Reasonable Neatness Is Expected.

LETTER WRITERS ANSWERED

Proverb solvers now engaged in the second contest being conducted under the auspices of The Gazette, would do well to take into careful consideration two important changes which have been made in the regulations of the contest and which appear today for the first time, in the advertised conditions.

The first change is that the time limit for sending in the solutions to the proverb illustrations is extended from six days after the sixtieth and final illustration is published, to two weeks after the last illustration appears. This time extension has been allowed after a careful consideration of many requests made that more time be alloted. It will be remembered that but six days were allowed in the last contest for sending in solutions after the thirtieth and last illustration appeared, and with the fact in mind that the present contest includes 60, or double the number of illustrations, it would be but reasonable to allow double the time in making solutions. As success in the contest can only be attained by eliminating any inclination toward guessing and by sole application to standard and recognized authorities in order to carry out the expressed condition that correct wording, spelling and punctuation is essential, this extended time limit will afford all earnest competitors ample opportunity to intelligently interpret those illustrations which may appear difficult to them.

Must Be Reasonably Neat.

The second change in the conditions as appears today, is the fact that "reasonable neatness" will be taken into consideration in making the 225 awards in the contest now under way. By expressing a desire for "reasonable neatness," contestants should not assume that they are expected to send in their solutions in elaborate form or that their answers should be fantastically bound. This new condition is not intended to harrass competitors in any way, nor will it debar those whose penmanship is not of the best. Answer blanks are expected to be filled out in any legible manner and will then be passed upon solely upon their correctness. However, the purpose of the amended condition is to encourage solvers to use care—reasonable care—in making their returns. While neatness was greatly in evidence in the last contest, there were several instances of gross carelessness in sending in blanks. Several contestants who were prize winners returned blanks torn at random from the pages of The Gazette, some including nearly a half page of the paper, while others included but a major portion of the answer blank. These were repeatedly sent in rolled, upside down, and in other careless manner as to cause the judges much difficulty in passing upon them.

Means Much to the Judges.

Of such allotments, those who had not complied with the conditions in placing their answers in proper numerical order had to be considered with the same respect as others who had shown reasonable care, but to avoid a repetition of such carelessness the amendment as aforesaid has been included in the conditions.

Since the close of the first competition innumerable letters have been received expressing appreciation of the contest, while practically all of the successful contestants have written letters acknowledging receipt of their checks and making known their thanks. These communications are too large in number, to warrant personal acknowledgement, and they are herewith accepted with the appreciation that the purpose of The Gazette in offering these contests has been publicly recognized.

An anonymous communication has been received by the manager of the proverb contest from a writer seeking enlightment on certain conditions, and if this writer will make known his identity and address his communication will receive immediate attention.

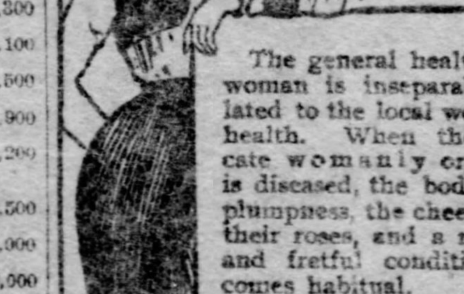
Several new subscribers to The Gazette, from a distance, have expressed a keen sense of appreciation of the humorous antics of the "coon," and have asked the occasion for his inception, accompanied by a request the slogan "watch the old lady grow young," also be defined.

The Coon as a Mascot.

The "coon" has long been the mascot of The Gazette, and has been so long identified with the paper in such capacity, that his very appearance, even in his native heath in the woodland, brings the recollection of The Gazette vividly to mind. Shortly after the birth of the Republican party the "coon" was established as the mascot of that organization, and the good fortune and wise administration of that party has been simultaneousyl enjoyed by The Gazette under the spell of good fortune cast by his coonship.

The Pittsburgh Gazette is 118 years old and holds her age well. For many years this paper, in recognition of its experienced age and seniority, had been referred to by contemporaries as the "Old Lady." After the paper was assumed by the present new and progressive management several years ago, the invitation was sent broadcast to "watch the old lady grow young." Those who have watched have every reason to believe that the fountain of youth for which Ponce de Leon sought for a life-time and died without locating, is in the secret possession of The Gazette and that its waters have bathed it into everlasting youth. With this information in hand, solvers may be aided in drawing their deductions should it be deemed advisable to refer again to the slogan of The Gazette in presenting proverb illustrations.

One of the prize winners in the first contest has inquired whether or not he would be eligible as a contestant in present competition. Several inquiries have been made on the same question. The answer can be found in the conditions which provides that "everybody is eligible except employes of The Pittsburgh Gazette."



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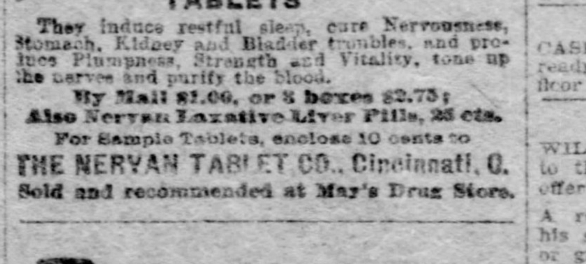

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MILLS-SLAUGENHOUPT CO.,
428 Fourth ave.

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WANTED.

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LANDLORDS, TAKE NOTICE. ARONSON REALTY COMPANY, 646 Fifth Ave., will rent your property, serve notices on tenants, collect rents and give your property the best attention FREE from now till April if you place same in our hands for the coming year. Send at once to Rent Department.

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Aronson Building, 646 FIFTH AVE. (Cor. Tunnel St.)
NO BRANCH OFFICE.

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IF YOU WANT prompt and efficient service in renting your properties, list them with
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SPECIAL HOLIDAY DISCOUNTS. ONE HUNDRED CHRISTMAS SCHOLARSHIPS are being issued by THE ACTUAL BUSINESS COLLEGE. Small payment secures scholarship at once. Balance payable monthly. All students receiving scholarship last Christmas have excellent position. ACTUAL BUSINESS COLLEGE, NO. 310 FIFTH AVE., TEN-CENT STORE BUILDING. Office open day and evening. Commercial, Shorthand, Typewriting, Penmanship and English departments. Established Twenty-five Years.

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City and Suburban.

ATWOOD ST., 221, Oakland—Furnished rooms, bath, hot water; near all car lines.

CABINET ST., 1008—Two rooms furnished or unfurnished, for light housekeeping; all conveniences; hot and cold water.

DAVISON ST., 4301—Two comfortably furnished rooms, complete for housekeeping; gas, bath; reasonable.

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FRANKLIN AVE., 743, Wilkinsburg—Desirably furnished front room, on car line, near station; rent reasonable.

HERMITAGE ST., 7224, Belmar—Comfortably furnished room; every modern convenience; pleasant location.

HILL AVE., 1027, Wilkinsburg—One nicely furnished room, near Swissvale ave. and cars.

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PERSONS wishing furnished or unfurnished rooms, with or without board, or furnished houses, see LIBERTY ROOM RENTING BUREAU, 587 Collins ave. Bell, 1337 W. Highland.

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East End.

SOUTH AVE., 1000, Wilkinsburg—Large, comfortably furnished front room, every modern convenience.

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NORTH ST. CLAIR ST., 311—Comfortable furnished front room; desirable location, near all cars.

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SHADY AVE., 434—Large newly furnished room, suitable for couple; first-class board.

SOUTH HIGHLAND AVE., 125—Delightful furnished room; every convenience; convenient to all car lines.

SOUTH HIGHLAND AVE., 334—Desirably furnished room; all conveniences; best location; boarding next door.

STRATTON LANE, 12, between Emerson and S. Highland—Newly and beautifully furnished rooms for rent; gentlemen only; private family; with every convenience.

Allegheny.

ANDERSON ST., 124, near Ninth st. bridge—Elegantly furnished room; bath, gas; rent $8.

ARCH ST., 1215, Allegheny—Front alcove room; hot and cold running water; housekeeping.

BIDWELL ST., 1117, Allegheny—Three furnished rooms, for light housekeeping; all conveniences; with bath; for refined couple without children; good location, private family.

BOYLE ST., 1206, Allegheny—Well furnished second-story room; every convenience; private family; gentlemen.

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FURNISHED front room, all conveniences; adjoining Allegheny postoffice; rent reasonable. W. J. Lykins & Co., Second and Market, Pittsburgh.

GRANT AVE., 919, Cor. Beach—Two or three nicely furnished rooms; light housekeeping.

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RIDGE AVE., 1133, Allegheny—Furnished rooms; no children; use bath; laundry; $10 month.

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SHEFFIELD ST., 1133, Allegheny—Nicely furnished rooms.

WEST NORTH AVE., 6, Allegheny—Two furnished front rooms for light housekeeping; all conveniences.

FOR RENT.—UNFURNISHED ROOMS.

City and Suburban.

REBECCA AVE., 513, Wilkinsburg, near station—Three unfurnished rooms, light housekeeping; reasonable.

East End.

ELLSWORTH AVE., 5966, near Highland—Two nice unfurnished rooms, all conveniences; all cars.

FIFTH AVE., 4712, near Neville st.—Double parlor, suitable for physician; rent moderate.

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ROOM and board by young man; East End district; state location and price. Address V 145, The Gazette.

ROOMS AND BOARD.

City and Suburban.

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East End.

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FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED ROOMS.

Allegheny.

KIRKPATRICK AVE., 1000, Allegheny—Furnished or unfurnished front room, suitable for doctor.

FOR RENT.

City and Suburban Residences.

TO LET—WILKINSBURG HOUSES.
$35 00, Biddle avenue, modern house, 8 rooms, reception hall, attic.
$25 00, Glenn avenue, 8 rooms, reception hall, modern fixtures.
$75 00, Hill street, modern house, 10 rooms, reception hall, two baths; corner lot.
Send for printed list.
COMMONWEALTH REAL ESTATE CO.,
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To Be Let—Substantial brick house of 8 rooms and bath, with range, laundry, furnace, cabinet mantels; very cozy and up-to-date.
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First-class rooms, bath every floor.
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Good frame house, eight rooms.
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Rent $50 per month.
Houses of this type and
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Rent $18 to $80 per month.
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Allegheny property a specialty.
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Don't hang on a strap two hours a day, but rent one of the SHADYSIDE APARTMENTS. Two minutes' walk from Shadyside station and located in the most aristocratic part of Pittsburgh. Seven minutes by train will land you in heart of the city; trains every five minutes. Steam heat, hot water and janitor service; reasonable rent. Only a few left. Come at once.
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Not the germ-laden, muddy liquid dispensed in Pittsburgh—is supplied in abundance to the inhabitants of Bellevue and Avalon. You will be a partaker of this great boon if you live in the Scyvilla apartments, Birmingham avenue and Spruce street, Avalon, Pa. Five rooms and bath, everything modern, $32.50 and $35.
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Save car fare by renting an apartment within five minutes' walk of the market and business center of Allegheny. Janitor service; hot water; electric light for halls free. Rent $20.00 and upwards; only a few left.
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HARDIE FLATS, OAKLAND.
Four rooms and bath; modern.
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One of Pittsburgh's largest and best known hotels; a long lease on favorable terms will be given a first-class hotel man.
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Farmers Bank Building.

TO LET.
Wood Street, Near Fifth Avenue.
Three-story building, 20x80, in good condition; elevator; good lease at reasonable rent.
SAMUEL W. BLACK & CO.,
Farmers Bank Building.

TO LET.
New Warehouse,
Near Smithfield st.; four stories and basement, 40x80; passenger and freight elevator; steam heat free; possession now or April 1.
SAMUEL W. BLACK & CO.,
Farmers Bank Building.

FOR RENT.
PITTSBURGH STORE PROPERTY | PENN AVE. MARKET ST. WATER ST.
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Allegheny, Pa.

Flats.

FAMILY FLAT—$30.
To Be Let—Two modern apartments of 6 rooms and tile bath each, on second and third floors at 4931 Penn ave.; range, hot and cold water, cabinet mantels, etc.; $30 to April 1.
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311 FOURTH AVE.

FOUR-ROOM flat; all modern improvements, by private party; no children; references required. 5787 Kentucky ave.

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FOR RENT—Furnished doctor's offices with use X-ray. Static Machine. 418 Sixth ave.

Desk Room.

OFFICE ROOM—Desk, 'phone, stenographer, vault; $10 month. 407 Arrott Bldg.

FOR RENT.

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SHERMAN FLATS, No. 4771 Liberty ave.; take Bloomfield cars. Inquire at Flat No. 8.

$25—ELEGANT FLATS in East End; take Negley aive. cars to Homer st.

$28—ALBION FLATS, 205 Millvale ave., East End; take Penn ave. cars to 205 Millvale ave.

FLAT—Stayton st., on Brighton road car line; first floor, 4 rooms; chandelier, gas range, hot and cold water, porch, cellar; rent $14 per month. Inquire August Lindow, 1301 Washington ave., Allegheny.

FOR SALE.

City and Suburban Residences.

FOR SALE.

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J. N. KIDNEY & CO., 401 Grant st.

HOME REAL ESTATE CO.

If you want to buy or sell a farm, hotel, business location, business lots, oil property, coal land or a home, let us know; we can suit you. Call or write.

HOME REAL ESTATE CO., 416 Ferguson Bldg.

East End Residences.

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A chance which does not often come to you. Have three practically new brick houses in Homewood which I had to take under mortgage; 25-foot lots with 20-foot alley; asphalt paved street; all improvements in houses thoroughly modern; must be sold by January 1, as I wish to leave city for several months.

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Within 350 feet from Baum street; reception hall house of 11 rooms, bath, laundry, furnace, front and back stairs, etc.; lot 40 ft. front; price $10,000 for immediate sale. (E. E. 94.)

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FOR SALE.

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FOR SALE.

A good investment and sure of enhancement.

Smallman st., 12th ward, cor. lot 75x154 ft., alley in rear. In reach of R. R. connections. The improvements bring in good rentals.

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For Sale or Exchange.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Double brick, 5 rooms each side. Rents for $30; lot 50x125.

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REAL ESTATE TRUST CO., 311 FOURTH AVE.

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MILLS-SLAUGENHOUPT CO., 428 Fourth ave.

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THE JAS. MURTHA CO., 339 Fifth ave.

HIGH-CLASS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES are a special feature of our business. Do not buy or sell without first seeing us.

MILLS-SLAUGENHOUPT CO., 428 Fourth ave.

RESTAURANT—Good location and clearing $60 per week. Price $700. See our list before buying.
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GROCERY—One of the finest and best storerooms, located at 411 LARIMER AVE., East End. Owner is quitting business on account of health; must be seen to be appreciated.

IF YOU WANT to buy or sell any kind of business, see CAVANAGH & CO., 431 Fourth ave.

IF you want to sell your business or anything at all, address T 190, The Gazette.

GENTS' FURNISHING and Merchant Tailoring Business, in nearby town, doing business $300 week; will exchange for part real estate. Price $4,000. CAVANAGH CO., 431 Fourth ave.

FOR SALE.

Business Opportunities.

HOWICK-THOMPSON CO.,
616 Times Bldg. 336 Fourth ave.

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

Some cheap business opportunities that have been thoroughly investigated and are bargains:

ROOMING HOUSE—One of the best locations on Arch st., Allegheny; rent $45; 8 rooms, bath and laundry; modern house; 4 rooms rented, bring in an income of $30 a month over and above rent and all expenses; house is worth $800; if sold by Saturday will sell for $400

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ROOMING HOUSE—On Ridge ave.; 8 rooms, bath and laundry; all large rooms; modern house; rent $32.50; a snap; price only $150

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The above places will be found just as represented.

HOWICK-THOMPSON CO.,
616 Times Bldg. 336 Fourth ave.

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WE SELL ENGINES AND BOILERS

For any purpose. All sizes from 2 h. p. up. Here are some of our bargains:

SECOND HAND LIST.

One 7 h. p. Lazier Gas Engine.
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Agents for the famous Fairbanks, Morse & Co. Gas and Gasoline Engines, Dynamos, Motors and Steam Pumps. Private Pumping and Electric Light Outfits a specialty.

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22 K. W. 115-volt direct connected to vertical engine.
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1 250-light, 110-volt D. C. generator.
1 200-light, 110-volt D. C. generator.
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Also Boilers, Engines, Pumps, Heaters, etc.

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Both 'Phones. Forty-fifth st. and A. V. Ry.

FOR SALE—Boilers and engines, all sizes, from 3 to 125 H. P., stationary and portable upright boilers and engines; large assortment kept in stock, shafting, pulleys and hangers and large lot miscellaneous machinery, second-hand belting, leather and rubber; large stock of all sizes at low prices; machinery of all kinds bought and exchanged.

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LOOK US UP. Call us up. We are always on the end of the line to look after your wants. New and second-hand gas engines and dynamos; all sizes; shafting, hangers and pulleys. All work under supervision of A No. 1 machinist. Try us with your next work.

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316—THE FAIRBANKS CO.—318 Second ave.

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WOOD WORKING MACHINERY.
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ELECTIONS.

The First National Bank, Verona, Pa., Dec. 10, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Verona will be held at the banking house, Railroad avenue, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock. An election will be held for the purpose of voting for or against amending section three of the articles of association. The amended article to read "The board of directors shall consist of not less than five or more than nine stockholders," instead of "The board of directors shall consist of nine stockholders." The board of directors for the ensuing year will be elected.
BLAINE L. STONER, Cashier.

Fort Pitt National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its offices, No. 235 Fourth avenue, on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year. Also to vote upon a proposed amendment to Article 3 of the Articles of the Association, so that the same shall provide that "the board of directors of this bank shall not be less than nine members nor more than fifteen members."
CHAS. S. LINDSAY, Cashier.

Homewood Peoples Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 9, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held in the banking rooms, 800 Homewood ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., on Monday, January 9, 1905, between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may be presented.
H. F. LINNENBRINK, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 10, 1904.
THE annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house, corner Penn avenue and Ninth street, Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 11 a. m and 1 p. m., for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
GEORGE S. MACRUM, Cashier.

German Savings & Deposit Bank, Carson and South Fourteenth sts., Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of the German Savings & Deposit Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Carson and South Fourteenth sts., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m.
J. F. ERNY, Cashier.

The Arsenal Bank of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for twelve (12) directors to serve this bank for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, Forty-third and Butler sts., on Wednesday, January 11, 1905, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m.
JOHN GRINE, Cashier.

Duquesne National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election of directors of the Duquesne National bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 409 Smithfield st., Pittsburgh, Pa., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.
A. H. PATTERSON, Cashier.

First National Bank of Birmingham, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election of seven directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 1201 Carson st., Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m.
DANIEL BEECH, Cashier.

Second National Bank of Pittsburgh, (United States Depository.) Pittsburgh, Pa., December 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30 p. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.
JAMES M. YOUNG, Cashier.

The Lincoln National Bank, No. 533 Smithfield st., Pittsburgh, Pa., December 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for thirteen directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 533 Smithfield st., Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.
W. R. CHRISTIAN, Cashier.

Union National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fourth ave. and Market st., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of one (1) and three (3) o'clock p. m.
C. F. DEAN, Cashier.

German National Bank of Allegheny, Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 9, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 709 and 711 Ohio st., East, Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.
GEORGE G. SCHMIDT, Cashier.

The German National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of directors will be held at the bank, corner of Wood and Sixth, on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 12:30 p. m.
W. W. RAMSEY, Cashier.

The Federal National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner of Fifth ave. and Smithfield st., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.
R. M. LANDIS, Cashier.

Farmers Deposit National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of the shareholders for the election of directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking room, Fifth ave. and Wood st., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 11:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m.
J. W. FLEMING, Cashier.

Pennsylvania National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Penn ave. and Butler st., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon.
R. M. DAVIS, Cashier.

Cosmopolitan National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 and 1 p. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.
D. J. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

Third National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 524 Wood st., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
OGDEN RUSSELL, Cashier.

First National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth ave. and Wood st., Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.
F. H. SKELDING, Cashier.

ELECTIONS.

The Peoples National Bank of Pittsburgh, United States Depository. Pittsburgh, December 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of directors will be held at the bank, 409 Wood st., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 12:30 p. m.
W. DWIGHT BELL, Assistant Cashier and Secretary.

The Industrial National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, 333 Fourth ave., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
C. M. GERWIG, Cashier.

Real Estate Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 21, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of stockholders for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, 311 Fourth avenue, on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 1:30 and 2:30 p. m.
W. S. VAN DYKE, Sec'y and Treas.

Western Savings & Deposit Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 531 Smithfield st., Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.
CHARLES E. SCHUETZ, Cashier.

Metropolitan National Bank, Forty-first and Butler sts., Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1904.
An election for directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
GEO. SEEBICK, Cashier.

Monongahela National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 9, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, corner Sixth avenue and Wood street, on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 p. m.
JOHN D. FRASER, Cashier.

Columbia National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1904.
NOTICE—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m.
WM. LOWRIE, Cashier.

Allegheny National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 239 Fifth avenue, on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock a. m.
W. MONTGOMERY, Cashier.

First National Bank, Sewickley, Pa., December 12, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, Sewickley, Pa., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 7 p. m. and 8 p. m.
E. P. COFFIN, Cashier.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Monongahela Light and Power Company, for the election of president and board of directors for ensuing year, will be held at the general office, No. 514 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Thursday, January 12, 1905, at 2:30 p. m.
GEORGE S. DAVISON, Secretary.

Exchange National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 8, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of "The Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh" will be held at the banking house, No. 240 Fifth ave., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.
A. LONG, Cashier.

The Diamond National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 10, 1904.
AN ELECTION of 14 directors for this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, Liberty ave. and Cecil way, on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 m and 1 p. m.
D. C. WILLS, Cashier.

Commercial National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, No. 331 Fourth ave., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.
H. W. BICKEL, Cashier.

The First National Bank, Sewickley, Pa., Dec. 10, 1904.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, corner Beaver and Broad sts., on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of 7 and 7:30 p. m.
E. P. COFFIN, Cashier.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOAH W. SHAFER, Attorney-at-Law, No. 902 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on Thursday, the 12th day of January, 1905, by Edward Abbott, August Abbott, Christian Abbott and Florence H. Abbott, under the act of assembly entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called Abbott Packing Company, the character and object of which is the manufacture and sale of dressed meats and the refuse products obtained from the slaughtering of live stock, including the preservation of such meats so manufactured, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly, and supplements thereto. Noah W. Shafer, solicitor.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on Monday, January 16, 1905, by Chester Glass, John Sloan and Frank P. Graffin, citizens of Pennsylvania, under the act of assembly entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called The Pittsburgh and New York Coal Company, the character and object of which is the mining, producing, transporting and selling of coal and the products thereof, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said act of assembly and the supplements thereto. McCleave & Wendt, Solicitors.

GEO. P. MURRAY, Attorney-at-Law, No. 440 Diamond st., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Thursday, January 12, 1905, by L. D. Statler, John D. McDowell and Frank E. Sproat, under the act of assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called The Pittsburgh Dock and Transportation Company, the character and object of which is the collecting, receiving, storing and transporting refuse and building and construction material, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto. Geo. P. Murray, Solicitor.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, January 17, 1905, by John Daly, W. J. Horgan, J. F. Torrence, W. H. Murdock and R. D. Cree, under the act of assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called "Westwood Water Company," the character and object of which is supplying water to the public in the township of Union, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and to such persons, partnerships and corporations residing therein as may desire the same; and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto. Jno. Rebman, Jr., solicitor.

E. E. COTTON, Attorney-at-Law, No. 424 Fourth avenue. Estate of Jacob Rebmann, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Jacob Rebmann, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same should make them known without delay. William Culbertson, administrator, No. 424 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

KENNEDY, SMITH & McVICAR, Attorneys-at-law, No. 810 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Mamie V. Todd, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Samuel H. Todd, administrator, No. 1854 Wylie avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

LEGAL NOTICES.

ORPHANS COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE. Alexander Gilfillan, 608 Frick building. The undersigned executor of Sophia Noll, deceased, in pursuance of a decree of orphans court at No. 210, October term, 1904, will offer for sale at public sale in the rotunda of the court house in the city of Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., of the following described real estate of said decedent, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point at the side of a public road; thence north thirty-five (35) degrees, sixteen (16) minutes east, ten hundred and fifty-two and seventy-three hundredths (1,052.73) feet, by land of A. Best, to a post; thence by land of Rhodes, south seventy (70) degrees ten (10) minutes west, two hundred forty-five and seventy-five hundredths (245.75) feet to a stone; thence by land of Demmell, north thirty-one (31) degrees, fifty-five (55) minutes west, three hundred twenty-seven and forty-five hundredths (327.45) feet to a post; thence by land of same, south seventy-three (73) degrees, forty-five (45) minutes west, six hundred five and seventy-four hundredths (605.74) feet to a locust pin; thence by land of railroad company, north thirty-two (32) degrees, thirty (30) minutes west, four hundred ninety-two and twenty-four hundredths (492.24) feet to a locust stump at the north side of said public road; thence along the north side of said public road north fifty-seven (57) degrees, thirty-seven (37) minutes east, two hundred eighty-eight and seventy-five hundredths (288.75) feet to a post; thence crossing said public road by land of Henry Demmell, south thirty-two (32) degrees, thirty-eight (38) minutes east, two hundred thirty-seven (237) feet to a pin; thence by same land, north fifty-seven (57) degrees, twenty-two (22) minutes east, two hundred ninety-three and seventy hundredths (293.70) feet to a stone; thence by same land, north thirty-one (31) degrees, fifty-three (53) minutes west, one hundred eighty-four and eighty hundredths (184.80) feet to a post; thence by same land south sixty-four (64) degrees, seven (7) minutes west, fifty-two and eighty hundredths (52.80) feet to a post; thence by same land, north thirty-two (32) degrees, three (3) minutes west, forty-two and forty-three (42.43) feet to the north line of the public road aforesaid; thence along the north line of said public road, north fifty-eight (58) degrees, fifty-seven (57) minutes east, two hundred ninety-eight and eighty-nine hundredths (298.89) feet to a pin, and thence by same north fifty-one (51) degrees, thirty-two (32) minutes east, one hundred nineteen and sixty-three hundredths (119.63) feet to the place of beginning. Containing thirteen and two hundred four thousandths (13.204) acres. Having erected thereon a dwelling house containing four rooms, with a basement kitchen, a bank stable with stone foundation.

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RALPH WHITE, Auctioneer.

ALFRED M. LEE, Attorney-at-Law, No. 21 St. Nicholas building. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania, on the 3d day of January, 1905, by William M. Cole, G. P. McGrew and Alfred M. Lee, under the act of assembly entitled: "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called Pleasant Grove Oil and Gas Company, the character and object of which is boring, drilling, mining and operating for petroleum oil and gas and disposing of the same, the buying, selling, leasing, holding and disposing of such real estate and personal estate as may be necessary and convenient in conducting the business of such corporation, and for these purposes to have and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and the supplements thereto. Alfred M. Lee, Solicitor for Applicants.

S. S. ROBERTSON, Attorney-at-Law, 421 Frick building. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on the 29th day of December, 1904, by Edward O'Donnell, Frank C. Kohne, Charles C. Kohne and others, under the act of assembly, entitled "An act to authorize foreign corporations to become corporations of Pennsylvania, and to prescribe the mode of their so doing," approved June 9, 1881, for the charter of the United Ice and Supply Company, formerly a corporation of the state of New Jersey, the character and object of which corporation is the supply of ice to the public, with its principal place of business in the city of Pittsburgh, and for these purposes to have and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and the act of assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto. S. S. Robertson, solicitor for applicants.

NOTICE—Take notice that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on the 7th day of January, 1905, by Charles T. Fullwood, Edwin L. Allen, Donald Thompson, W. G. Doolittle and O. D. Thompson, under the act of assembly, approved April 29, 1874, entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called National Metal Molding Company, the character and object of which are for the purpose of manufacturing iron, steel and other materials into conduits, moldings, pipes and other transmitters, and also manufacturing ornamental metal, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto.

CARNEY & MARTIN, Attorneys-at-Law, 426 Diamond st., Pittsburgh, Pa. State of Pennsylvania, county of Allegheny, ss.: In the court of common pleas No. 2, No. 443, October term, 1903, Maggie A. Jones, by her next friend, etc., vs. Samuel Jones. In divorce a vinculo matrimonii. To Samuel Jones, respondent: You will please take notice that the above case has been put at issue and that testimony will be taken by the said court at the Allegheny county court house, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Monday, January 9, 1905, at 9:30 a. m., or as soon thereafter as suits the convenience of the court, when and where you may attend if you see proper. Carney & Martin, attorneys for libellant.

GEO. S. DAVIS, H. S. LYDICK, Attorneys-at-Law, Bakewell building, Pittsburgh, Pa. State of Pennsylvania, County of Allegheny, ss. In the court of common pleas No. 2, No. 631, July term, 1904. Annabell Dietrich vs. William Dietrich. Libel in divorce a vinculo matrimonii. To William Dietrich, respondent. The subpoena and alias subpoena in the above case having been returned non est inventus, you are hereby notified and required to appear in said court of common pleas No. 2 on the first Monday of January, A. D., 1905, to answer the petition and libel filed in said case. James W. Dickson, Sheriff.

CHARLES A. WOODS, Attorney-at-Law, No. 1526 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Archibald F. McMullen, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Margaret McMullen, administratrix. Turtle Creek borough, Allegheny county, Pa.

JOHN B. CHAPMAN, Attorney-at-Law, No. 430 Fourth ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of George Pfalzgraf, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Louisa Metzgar, administratrix. No. 1343 Manning ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Cosmopolitan National Bank of Pittsburgh will be held at its office, Wood and Liberty sts., in the city of Pittsburgh, county of Allegheny, and state of Pennsylvania, on the 30th day of December, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of voting for or against an increase of the capital stock of said bank from two hundred thousand ($200,000) dollars to five hundred thousand ($500,000) dollars.
D. J. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

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$ 40 for - month,	20c; for 6 mos.,	$ 1.20
$ 50 for 1 month,	25c; for 6 mos.,	$ 1.50
$ 75 for 1 month,	40c; for 6 mos.,	$ 2.40
$100 for 1 month,	50c; for 6 mos.,	$ 3.00
$150 for 1 month,	75c; for 6 mos.,	$ 4.50
$200 for 1 month,	$1.00; for 6 mos.,	$ 6.00
$250 for 1 month,	$1.25; for 6 mos.,	$ 7.50
$300 for 1 month,	$1.50; for 6 mos.,	$ 9.00
$350 for 1 month,	$1.75; for 6 mos.,	$10.50
$400 for 1 month,	$2.00; for 6 mos.,	$12.00
$450 for 1 month,	$2.25; for 6 mos.,	$12.50
$500 for 1 month,	$2.50; for 6 mos.,	$15.00

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DIVIDENDS.

Office of the Real Estate Trust Company of Pittsburgh, 311 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 20, 1904.
DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared the regular quarterly dividend of TWO AND ONE-HALF (2½) PER CENT on the capital stock, payable December 31, 1904, to stockholders of record on December 24, 1904. The transfer books will be closed from December 26 to December 31, inclusive. Checks will be mailed.
W. S. VAN DYKE, Secretary and Treasurer.

Office of the Excelsior Express and Standard Cab Company, 1129 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., December 15, 1904.
DIVIDEND—The board of directors of the Excelsior Express and Standard Cab Company have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT payable on and after January 1, 1905. Checks will be mailed.
JOS. FORD, Secretary and Treasurer.

First National Bank, Verona, Pa., Dec. 14, 1904.
DIVIDEND—The board of directors of this bank have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT out of the earnings of the past six months, payable on and after January 1, 1905. Checks will be mailed.
BLAINE L. STONER, Cashier.

Western Savings and Deposit Bank, Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 19, 1904.
QUARTERLY DIVIDEND—The directors of this bank have this day declared a dividend of two and one-half (2½) per cent on the capital stock, out of the earnings of the past three months, free of tax, payable January 2, 1905. Checks will be mailed.
CHARLES E. SCHUETZ, Cashier.

PERSONALS.

PERSONAL—Do you know a good painter? If so, have him do your work; if not, send for P. J. BYRNE. All kinds of painting done in the best manner with the best material. 634 Fifth ave. Both telephones. 711 Forbes street.

BUY YOUR MOTHER OR BEST GIRL a good present for Christmas; guaranteed; safe; 20 shares and up of the Truxall Gold Mine stock; 50c, par value $1 (December only). 600 German National Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh.

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BANKRUPTCY SALE.

JUSTUS MULERT, trustee in bankruptcy, will offer at public auction on Tuesday, January 17, 1905, at 2:45 p. m., the real estate, buildings, machinery, stock of beer and other articles on the premises formerly the property of the Economy Brewing Co., now bankrupt, located at Economy (Fair Oaks Station), Pa. The undersigned will receive private bids for above named property at his office before the date given above. Further information can be obtained at the office of Justus Mulert, trustee, 421 Wood street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Chas. W. V. Feigel and Jos. Stadtfeld, Attorneys.

BANKRUPTCY SALE.

JUSTUS MULERT, receiver in bankruptcy, will offer on Saturday, January 14, 1905, at 10:30 a. m., at public auction on the premises, corner Richland and Thomas streets, Pittsburgh, Pa., the real estate and buildings in course of completion and material for completing the same, formerly the property of the Highland Brewing Co., now bankrupt. The undersigned will also receive private bids before above named date at his office. Further information can be obtained at the office of Justus Mulert, receiver, 421 Wood street, Pittsburgh, Pa. S. S. Robertson, Attorney, Frick Bldg.

NOTICES.

Office of the Teutonia Insurance Company, Allegheny, Pa., November 22, 1904.
In accordance with a resolution this day passed by the board of directors of the Teutonia Insurance Company, an election will be held by the stockholders of the company at their office, No. 785 Ohio street, Allegheny, Pa., on January 26, 1905, between the hours of One (1) and three (3) o'clock p. m., to determine whether or not the capital stock of the company shall be increased to $200,000.
HENRY GERWIG, President.
Attest: C. W. GERWIG, Secretary.

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LOST—K. of P. charm, Thursday, on Mt. Lebanon cars or somewhere in the downtown districts. Reward; 311 Empire Bldg.

LOST—Handbag, containing money; also umbrella, in St. Agnes building. Return L. K. Porter, Attorney, St. Agnes building.

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SHARP REACTION IN STOCKS THE WALL STREET FEATURE

Consolidated Gas and Amalgamated Copper Suffered Most—Reading Common on a Dividend Basis—Further Advance in Crucible.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

A sharp reaction in the market shortly after noon yesterday was the feature in Wall street. The market had opened steady to firm and advanced during the morning hours, but trading was dull and the street looked for a holiday market. Then came a violent break of 7 points in Consolidated Gas, which sold down rapidly from 201½ to 194¼. The movement was not accompanied by any definite news, but there has been some talk for several days past of the advisability of the municipality providing its own plant. Something of this kind usually occurs just before the meeting of the general assembly, and did not receive much attention. The selling of the stock, however, disclosed the fact that there was little or no support in the general market. This suggested to professional traders the chance of finding other stocks unprotected. What looked like a raid upon several prominent specialties occurred, during which Amalgamated Copper broke from 68⅛ to 64¼. United States Steel preferred, which in the early dealings had advanced to 93¼, broke to 91, and the common sold off to 28½, after having sold at 30. This unexpected success attending the efforts of traders, they turned their attention to the railroad list, and the whole market sold off rather easily. From the standpoint of the bulls the recovery was feeble, and while the market did not close at the lowest prices of the day, final sales generally showed net losses. The greatest net loss was 5½ per cent in Consolidated Gas. Amalgamated Copper closed 2⅛ per cent off. United States Steel common closed ⅝ lower and the preferred 1 per cent lower. The minor iron and steel stocks closed ¼ to 1½ per cent lower for the day. In the railroad list the net losses for the day ranged from ½ to 1⅝ per cent, the latter on New York Central. Pennsylvania closed 1⅛ lower, Reading and Erie each 1 per cent lower and Baltimore & Ohio ¾. The Harriman stocks lost Tuesday's gains and closed ½ to 1¼ per cent lower.

The street did not care to accept the break in Consolidated Gas and Amalgamated Copper as the sole cause for the reaction, and in casting about for a better reason, lighted upon the recommendation of Commissioner Garfield of the bureau of corporations, in his first report to congress. The recommendation that received the most attention was the one suggesting that corporations carrying on an interstate business should be required to have a federal license, which would place them under the supervision of the general government. The suggestion was looked upon as radical, there was certainly little prospect of its adoption at the present short session of congress, and even if carried out it is difficult to see how any reputable corporation transacting a legitimate business could be hampered thereby. Wall street also regarded as important the announcement that the attorney general had been instructed to prepare during the holiday recess a bill for carrying out the recommendations of the president for more power for the interstate commerce commission.

The most interesting news of the day was the announcement after the close of the market that a dividend of 1½ per cent had been declared on Reading common, being the first ever declared on the stock. This announcement was expected by the street, but the events in the market during the afternoon neutralized its effect, if it had not already been discounted.

Another interesting item was the rather sharp decline in sterling exchange rates, which occurred after $500,000 gold had been engaged for shipment to South America. Call loan rates remained easy all day and closed at 2½ to 2¾ per cent.

A further sharp advance in Crucible Steel preferred was the feature of the local stock market yesterday. The stock opened strong and higher and moved up to 53¼, the highest of the year. When the break occurred in the New York market Crucible reacted to 51⅝, which was the final sale, but just before the close the price was bid up to 52½, and there was no stock offered under 52⅞. The common stock was more active than the day before, and moved up to 10¼, but later reacted to and closed at 10. River Coal preferred was a shade firmer at 28¾. The rest of the market was dull and heavy and closed lower all around. Following the movement in New York, Westinghouse Electric declined to and closed offered at 90¾. Airbrake was a point lower at 147. Pittsburgh Coal common sold off to 22¾, and the preferred declined to 81⅛ on sales of less than 200 shares. Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Connellsville 5s were strong, advancing to 100¾. The remainder of the market was dull and unchanged.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday were as follows:

10:00 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

100 Crucible com.	10	125 U. S. Stl. com.	30
100 do.	10	40 F. Proof pfd.	33¼
100 do.	10	50 do.	33⅛
20 do.	10	10 do.	33⅛
35 do.	10	5 Brewing com.	26⅝
700 do.	10	10 Electric 2nds.	91¼
100 do.	10	50 do.	91
60 do.	10	26 Crucible pfd.	52½
50 do.	10	10 do.	53
100 do.	10	20 do.	53
100 do.	10	50 do.	53
15 do.	10	25 do.	53
35 do.	10	50 do.	53¼
100 do.	10	50 do.	53¼
5 do.	10	15 do.	53¼
50 do.	10⅛	25 do.	53¼
25 do.	10	25 do.	53¼
100 do.	10	25 do.	53¼
40 do.	10	25 do.	53¼
5 do.	10	50 do.	53
10 do.	10	5 do.	53
50 do.	10	65 do.	53
100 do.	10⅛	50 do.	53
100 do.	10⅛	50 do.	52¾
10 do.	10⅛	50 do.	53
10 Riv. Coal pfd.	28¾	100 do.	53
10 M. L. & H.	39¼	10 do.	53
45 do.	39½	50 do.	53
10 do.	39½	10 do.	53
15 U.S. Stl. com.	29¾	15 do.	52⅞
100 do.	30	35 do.	52⅞

10:30 A. M. to 11:00 A. M.

100 U.S. Stl. com.	30	25 Crucible pfd.	53
100 Crucible com.	10⅛	50 do.	53
50 do.	10⅛	50 do.	53
78 F. Proof pfd.	33	25 do.	53
20 F. Proof com.	11	20 M. L. & H.	39½
50 do.	11	20 P. Coal com.	23
20 do.	11	100 do.	23
30 do.	11	25 do.	23
50 Crucible pfd.	52⅞	25 do.	23
do.	52⅞	50 do.	23
25 do.	53	$1000 P., McK. & C. 5s.	100¾
20 do.	53		

11:00 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

50 Crucible pfd.	53	10 Riv. Coal pfd.	28¾
10 do.	53	5 M. L. & H.	39½
5 do.	53	32 do.	39⅝
10 do.	53	100 do.	39¾
50 do.	53	50 F. Proof com.	11
20 do.	53⅛	50 Electric 2nds.	90¾
25 do.	53¼	10 Brewing pfd.	46⅜
20 do.	53¼	10 Crucible com.	10⅛
5 do.	53¼	10 do.	10
25 do.	53¼	150 do.	10⅛
50 do.	53¼	200 do.	10⅛
50 do.	53¼	20 do.	10⅛
50 do.	53¼	50 do.	10⅛
25 do.	53¼	50 do.	10⅛
25 do.	53¼	50 do.	10¼
25 do.	53¼	75 do.	10⅛
50 do.	53	25 do.	10⅛
50 do.	53	10 do.	10⅛
50 P. Coal com.	23	5 do.	10⅛
50 do.	22⅞	10 do.	10¼
50 P. Coal pfd.	81⅛	50 do.	10⅛
25 do.	81⅛	30 W. Airbrake.	147
12 Ohio Fuel	41	20 do.	147
50 F. Proof pfd.	33½	2 do.	147½
100 U.S. Stl. com.	29½	10 do.	147
100 do.	29¼	15 do.	147
100 do.	29⅛	2 do.	147
10 Riv. Coal pfd.	28¾		

12:30 P. M. to 2:00 P. M.

50 P. Coal pfd.	81¾	50 Crucible pfd.	52⅞
20 do.	81¾	50 do.	52¼
10 Crucible com.	10	100 do.	52
25 do.	10	25 do.	52
65 do.	10	50 do.	52⅛
10 do.	10	50 do.	52
25 do.	10	50 do.	52
100 do.	10	100 do.	52
15 do.	10	50 do.	51⅞
50 do.	10	25 do.	51⅞
20 do.	10	25 do.	51⅞
10 do.	10	25 do.	51⅞
50 do.	10	50 do.	52
15 do.	10	100 A. Sewer Pipe.	27
40 do.	10	20 P. Oil & Gas.	75
10 do.	10	50 Brewing com.	26⅝
50 Electric 2nds.	90¾	21 W. Airbrake.	147
200 U.S. Stl. com.	29	10 Ohio Fuel	41
50 P. Coal com.	22½	25 do.	41
50 do.	22¾	47 Brewing pfd.	46½
15 M. L. & H.	39½		

2:00 P. M. to 2:30 P. M.

20 Crucible pfd.	52½	50 Crucible pfd.	52
50 do.	52½	50 U. S. Stl. com.	28⅝
50 do.	52	9 Ohio Fuel	41
50 do.	52	100 U. S. Stl. pfd.	91½
50 do.	52	20 Crucible com.	10
25 do.	52		

2:30 P. M. to 3:00 P. M.

50 Crucible pfd.	51⅝	10 Con. Gas pfd.	40

Summary.

Sales.		High.	Low.	Last Sales.	Ch'ge.
55	Brewing	26⅝	26⅜	26⅜	+⅛
57	Do preferred	46½	46⅜	46½	0
10	Cons. Gas pfd.	40	40	40	+2½
3440	Crucible Steel	10¼	10	10	+⅛
2661	Do preferred	53¼	51⅝	51⅝	—⅝
179	Fire Proof	11	11	11	—⅛
228	Do preferred	33½	33	33⅛	—⅛
228	Mfrs. L. & H.	39¾	39¼	39⅝	—⅛
56	Ohio Fuel	41	41	41	0
420	Pittsburgh Coal	23	22¾	22⅝	—⅛
145	Do preferred	81⅞	81⅛	81⅛	—⅛
20	Pgh. Oil & Gas.	75	75	75	—½
30	Riv. Coal pfd.	28¾	28¾	28¾	+⅛
100	Sewer Pipe	27	27	27	—⅛
890	U. S. Steel	30	28½	28⅝	—⅞
100	Do preferred	91½	91½	91½	—¾
100	West. Airbrake	*147½	147	147	—1
160	West. Elec. 2ds	91¼	90¾	90¾	—1¼
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	BONDS.				
$1000	P. McK. & C. 5s.	100¾	100¾	100¾	+⅜

*Less than 10 shares.

Closing Bids and Offers.

STOCKS.	Par.	Bid.	Ask.
Pittsburgh Stock Exchange	100	....	10000
BANK STOCKS.			
Diamond National	100	414	430
Exchange National	50	....	90
Federal National	100	198	200
Fifth Avenue Bank	50	76½	....
Monongahela National	100	....	315
Traders & Mechanics	50	70	....
Western Saving & Deposit	50	123	....
Equitable Trust	100	170	....
Iron City Trust	100	135	140
Dollar Sav. Fund & Trust	100	310	....
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Teutonia Insurance	50	....	97
Manufacturers Light & Heat	50	39⅝	39¾
Ohio Fuel Supply	25	40⅝	41⅞
Pittsburgh Oil & Gas	100	75	75½
Peoples Pipage	25	24½	....
Tonopah Extension	1	2.61	3.00
Luster Mining	10	11½	12
Allegheny Valley R. R. pfd.	50	30½	....
Westinghouse Electric	50	90⅝	90¾
Monongahela Incline Plane	50	62	....
Consolidated Ice	50	7½	7⅞
Do preferred	50	37	....
Crucible Steel	100	9⅞	10
Do preferred	100	52½	52⅞
Harbison-Walker Co.	100	9	....
Do preferred	100	62	....
Monongahela River Coal pfd.	50	28¼	28¾
Monongahela Water	25	40	50
Marsden	100	....	5
National Fire Proofing	50	10⅞	11¼
Do preferred	50	33¼	....
Pittsburgh Brewing	50	26⅜	26½
Do preferred	50	46⅜	46½
Pittsburgh Coal	100	22¾	22⅞
Do preferred	100	81⅛	81⅞
Pittsburg Plate Glass	100	127	....
Pittsburgh Stove & Range	50	....	10
Do preferred	50	....	18
United States Glass	100	48	50
United States Steel	100	28⅝	....
Do preferred	100	....	91½
Westinghouse Airbrake	50	146½	....
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R. R.	50	....	150
American Sewer Pipe	100	....	27⅛
BONDS.			
P., A. & M. Traction 5s	....	112	....
Pgh., McK. & Conn. 1st 5s	....	100	....
Consolidated Gas 5s	....	109	109½
Monongahela L. & P. 5s	....	....	99½
Monongahela River Coal 6s	....	111	....
Pittsburgh Brewing 6s	....	....	116
American Sewer Pipe 6s	....	99	....
Harbison-Walker 5s	....	102	....
Pittsburgh Warehouse 5s	....	100	....
Monongahela St. Railways 5s	....	....	114

PIG IRON WARRANTS.

The following quotations were made on warrants of the American Pig Iron Storage Warrant Company:

Class.	Bid.	Ask.
A—February delivery	$18.65	$18.25
B—February delivery	17.00	....
D—February delivery	17.05	17.40
A—December delivery	18.00	18.25
A—January delivery	18.05	18.25
D—December delivery	16.95	....
D—January delivery	17.00	17.25

FEATURES OF THE DAY

IN PITTSBURGH.

Crucible Steel preferred advanced to 53¼, the highest of the year, but later reacted.

Crucible common advanced to 10¼ and closed offered at 10.

Pittsburgh Coal declined to 22¾ and the preferred to 81¾.

Westinghouse Airbrake declined to 147 and Electric to 90¾.

Fire Proofing and the natural gas stocks dull and slightly lower.

Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Connellsville 5s sold at 100¾, the highest of the year.

IN WALL STREET.

Sharp break in a few specialties weakened the New York market.

Consolidated Gas broke 7 points to 194¼ and Amalgamated Copper to 64¼.

United States Steel common declined from 30 to 28½ and the preferred from 93¼ to 91.

Railroad stocks closed at net declines of ½ to 1¾ per cent.

Sales foot up 848,100 shares stock and $3,200,000 bonds.

A dividend of 1½ per cent declared on Reading common, the first in its history.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

The action of the Reading directors yesterday in declaring a dividend of 1½ per cent on the common stock was not only a notable event in connection with that particular property, but it emphasizes the wonderful change that has taken place in the railroad business of the country. It also contains a degree of encouragement for stockholders in other corporations, railroad and industrial, who have had their expectations of a return on investments blasted and who may at present see no likelihood of returns. Probably no other railroad property in the country has experienced greater or more numerous vicissitudes than Reading. The company seemed to be no sooner out of the hands of one set of receivers than it was in the hands of another set, and reorganization followed reorganization with unexpected frequency. The last reorganization was in 1896, and in that year the common stock sold below the actual amount of new cash paid in at the time of reorganization, and it was not until 1900 that the first preferred received a dividend. In 1903 the second preferred received its first dividend of 1½ per cent, and now at the close of 1904 the common stock receives a dividend of 1½ per cent, the first paid in its history under the present organization, and the first under any organization since 1876, in January of which year the old company paid 3½ per cent on the preferred and 2½ per cent on the common—payments that were made while the company was already insolvent. One of the peculiarities of its financiering, or rather its bookkeeping, was that the annual report for the year ending November, 1892, showed net earnings exceeding full interest on its preference income bonds, which was declared, and three months later it was found that the company had a floating debt of $18,-500,000, which it could not pay and the road was again thrown into the hands of receivers. This floating debt was incurred in the purchase of computing properties. The common stock of Reading is largely held by the Baltimore & Ohio and the Lake Shore, the latter in turn controlled by New York Central. Up to the present time their holdings of this Reading common stock have produced no revenue, but the declaration of the dividend may enable the Baltimore & Ohio and the New York Central to increase their dividends. This is one of the bull cards which it was thought would be reserved for the first quarter of the new year.

A Crucible Steel insider said yesterday that the buying orders for the stock did not emanate from insiders nor from "tips" from insiders. The company is doing better than expected a few months ago, and its prospects are as good as the other iron and steel companies. If nothing mars these prospects the company will show a large increase in earnings, but if anything should happen to give the general industry a setback, earnings will not be so good. So far as the market for the stock is concerned, the buyers have probably been comparing the price of Crucible with prices quoted for other iron and steel stocks and found the former relatively low.

Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Connellsville 5s sold at 100¾, the highest price of the year. There was nothing done in other local bonds listed on the exchange, but bond dealers said there was a very fair business doing over the counter.

"So far as the New York stock market is concerned, I think it is only a question of selecting the right day between now and New Year's to buy any of the better class of stocks," remarked a trader yesterday. "In my opinion the whole market will be much higher before April 1."

The sale of 250 shares new stock will make the capital of the Central Accident Insurance $300,000 instead of $200,000, as erroneously printed.

Gross earnings of Southern Railway for the second week in December increased $58,400.

The nominal quotations on Monongahela Water were 40 bid, 50 asked. After the close of the market 100 shares was offered at 47 and small lots at 45.

John F. Robinson, who died yesterday in California, was the last survivor of the brothers who established the well-known banking firm of Robinson Bros. Another brother, the Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Robinson, formerly of Pittsburgh, is living in California.

Stockholders of the Franklin Savings and Trust Company re-elected the directors, with the exception of M. Glukoff, resigned. The vacancy was filled by the selection of A. C. Canfield.

New York Central directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent, payable January 16 to stock of record December 31.

The gross earnings of Colorado Southern for the second week in December increased $15,679.

Inactivity prevails in the bond market and the leading New York houses do not look for great development before the new year. Trading on the stock exchange is mostly in issues with a speculative side, and is entirely governed by the movements of the stock market from day to day. Steel sinking fund 5s are typical of this condition, but bond houses think that they are a good deal better distributed than they were six months ago.

A director of American Cement is quoted as saying: "The reduction of the dividend to a 6 per cent per annum basis meets a situation contemplated when dividends were first established at a regular rate of 6 per cent per annum and 2 per cent extra. The company has passed through one of the worst years in the trade, and the extra dividend was cut off at this time.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent and an extra dividend of ¾ of 1 per cent.

Hall Signal directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent on the common stock, payable January 3.

At a meeting of the directors of the Vulcan Detinning Company a dividend of 1¾ per cent was declared on the preferred stock. The dividend is payable January 20. Dividend payments on the preferred stock were suspended in November, 1903, this being the first payment since that time. The belief is expressed that the dividends will be continued at this rate.

American Sewer Pipe directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of ¾ of 1 per cent, payable January 2 to stock of record on December 24.

American Locomotive directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock.

A contest in counting money and in adding on the Arithmometer will be held in the German Beneficial Union hall, Sixth avenue, at the next meeting of the Pittsburgh chapter, American Institute of Bank Clerks, Tuesday, December 27, at 8 p. m. Six prizes, three in each contest, having a total value of $50, will be given to the successful contestants.

A prominent New York stock exchange house makes the following observation on the sudden shrinkage of trading in the stock market: "Wall street is dealing with influences almost wholly unknown before. It is not a question of money supply, of crop prospects or railroad earnings, or in fact things that are usually considered in market reviews. The management of corporations and combinations of capital have been attacked in such a way that the public has become uneasy and is at a loss to know how to make plans for the future. In the last few days large interests have given protection to the securities which they represent. This disposition on their part has had a reassuring influence, but should the public again become frightened, to what extent will this support, powerful as it is, be adequate to meet the situation? There can be but little doubt that such attacks will gradually lose their strength as they are renewed, but this is not entirely sufficient to remove apprehension."

The New York Central reports for the quarter ending December 31, partly estimated, a surplus over dividends of $318,300, against $261,400 in the corresponding quarter last year. For the six months ending December 31, the company reports, partly estimated, surplus after dividends of $1,748,200, against $1,626,900 last year, an increase of $119,300.

With the sailing of the last steamer which can reach foreign markets with remittances before the first of the year the exchange market went to pieces and flattened out in an almost nominal basis. This is corroborative of the view that the outgo of gold has been designed for purposes of "window dressing" by foreign financial institutions for their annual showing of resources.

NEWS FROM THE MINES.

James E. Brown, Secretary of the Tonopah Extension Mining Company, returned yesterday from a visit to the camp in Nevada. He brought home some very rich specimens of ore from the Tonopah Extension and reports that the mine is fully up to his expectations. Inadequate transportation facilities hamper the shipping of ore. Nobody is trying to ship to capacity. The fact that it is impossible to get box cars, making it necessary to ship ore in bags, seriously impedes operations. Freight shipments on the Tonopah railroad are four months behind. It will be necessary to broad-gauge the road to handle the Traffic and this will be done within a year. The North Star, Midway and Golden Anchor are all promising well. The Mizpah ledge has been proved up about 4,000 feet. The orehouse of the Extension is to be remodeled. Power is very expensive, water power costing something like $120 a horse power a year. The fare from Reno to Tonopah, about 225 miles, is $17.50, and on some portions of the road the rate is 10 cents a mile. From Tonopah to Goldfield stages and automobiles are running, and the road is practically full of wagon teams of from 12 to 20 horses, bringing out ore.

Advices from Denver state that all the properties and assets belonging to the North American Copper Company, including the Grand Encampment smelter in Wyoming, have been purchased by the Penn-Wyoming Company for a reputed consideration of $10,000,000. E. M. Cobb of Lima, O., headed the syndicate which bid in the property at the trustee's sale in Denver. Mr. Cobb is at present at Cripple Creek.

As soon as the transfer of the property was completed the following directors and officers were elected for the new Penn-Wyoming Company: E. M. Cobb, president, Lima, O.; C. P. Collins, first vice president, Pittsburgh; E. K. Huhn, second vice president and general manager, Beaver, Pa.; Col. John J. Carter, Titusville, Pa., secretary and treasurer; Joseph Seep, Oil City, Pa., director; Frederick Davidson, Pittsburgh, director; J. R. Leonard, Pittsburgh, director; F. W. Draper, Chicago, director, and William L. Bell, Bradford, Pa., assistant secetary and treasurer.

The company has just closed its season, having made over 4,000,000 pounds of copper since last spring. It is the purpose of the new company to increase the size and capacity of the plant. The people now in control originally furnished the money for the purchase of the mine and equipment, and it is expected that by the first of the year the property will be among the first dozen copper producers in the country, with monthly output close to 2,000,000 pounds.

The Tennessee Copper Company at Copperville, Tenn., has been remodeling several of its furnaces during the year and the copper production for 1904 is likely to fall below 10,000,000 pounds, the record established in 1903. In 1905, however, the improvements installed during the year will be utilized and a heavy increase of the production is anticipated.

At the Mother Lode smelter of the British Columbia Copper Company, near Greenwood, B. C., the new briquetting building is nearly completed.

The management of the Highland mine, near Sumpter, Ore., announces that a test mill of from 50 to 75 tons capacity will be installed at once.

According to a report of the geological survey of Canada for the last year, recently issued since 1896 upward of $97,000,000 worth of gold has been shipped out of Canadian Yukon.

The Findley Company at Cripple Creek will go on the dividend-paying list, making its first distribution to the stockholders some time before the first. The dividend will be 1 cent a share, amounting to $12,500. The new consolidated company will have better than $150,000 in its treasury.

The Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Following yesterday's sensational decline in tin at London, today's cables reported a partial recovery, spot advancing 15s to £132 5s and futures £1 to £130 10s. Locally the market was also steadier, with spot quoted at $29 00@29 25. London copper was unchanged, at £66 for spot and £66 7s 6d for futures. The local market was quiet, with the general range of prices as follows: Lake, $14 87½@15 12½; electrolytic, $$14 75@15 12¼, and casting, $14 50@14 75. Lead declined 2s 6d in London, with spot closing at £12 10s. The market here was unchanged with spot at $4 60@4 70. Spelter ruled easier abroad, closing at £24 12s 6d, and was unchanged locally at $5 75@5 87½. Glasgow iron was unchanged at 52s 3d; Middlesboro advanced to 48s 9d. The New York iron market was unchanged. No. 1 foundry northern, No. 1 foundry southern and No. 1 foundry southern soft, $17 25@17 75; No. 2 foundry northern, $16 50@17 25.

Boston Copper Stocks.

(Reported by A. E. Masten & Co.)

STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close Bid.
Allouez	18	18	17½	17½
Adventure	5½	5½	5½	5½
Ahmeek	†42	....	....	40
Atlantic	†16½	....	....	16⅝
Bingham	34½	34½	34¼	33⅝
Calumet & Arizona	†103½	....	....	101
Calumet & Hecla	640	640	640	635
Centennial	24⅛	24⅛	24	24
Calumet & Pittsb'gh	†41	....	....	39½
Elm River	2½	2½	2½	2½
Franklin	11	11⅛	11	10⅝
Greene	25⅛	25⅛	23⅞	24
Granby	5 1-16	5 1-16	5	5
Lake Super. & Pgh	†46	....	....	45½
Isle Royale	....	....	....	25
Mass	8½	8⅝	8½	8¼
Mohawk	49½	50	49	49
Michigan	†9½	....	....	9
Osceola	93	93	93	91
Old Dominion	26	28	26	26
Old Colony	†1¾	....	....	1¼
Parrot	†27½	....	....	26¼
Phoenix	†3	....	....	2½
Pittsb'gh & Duluth	†29¼	....	....	28
Range Consolidated	65⅛	65⅝	64½	64½
Wyandotte	†2	....	....	1¾
Trinity	8¾	9	8½	8½
Tamarack	†120	....	....	118
United Fruit	107⅛	107⅛	107⅛	107
Utah	41⅞	42	41½	41½
U. S. Mining	24⅞	24¾	24¼	24⅛
Victoria	4½	4½	4	4⅛
Wolverine	102½	105	104½	104
Winona	†12	....	....	11½
Tonopah Montana	†1.90	....	....	1.85
Tonopah Belmont	.71	....	....	.69

†Asked.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The local money market is easy and unchanged at 5@6 per cent on call and time loans. Clearing house comparisons:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Yesterday	$8,032,213 29	$1,611,271 49
Last week	8,002,090 52	1,624,243 77
Last year	8,097,714 33	1,996,658 92

Foreign Money Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Money was in strong demand on the market today. Discounts were a shade easier owing to the improvement in continental exchanges which were also affected by the news of the coming influx of gold from India and Egypt. Operators on the stock exchange were in holiday humor and there was little pretense of business. Consols were firm. Americans opened quietly steady at about parity, with Southern Pacific the feature. Stocks hardened later and closed firm. Japanese were cheerful. Imperial Japanese government 6s of 1904 were quoted at 95½c. Consols for money, 88¼c; consols for account, 88⅛c; bar silver, steady, 28⅛d an ounce. Money, 2@2⅝ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 15-16@3 per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for three months bills is 2⅞@2 15-16 per cent.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Prices on the bourse today were weak and trading was inactive. Russian imperial 4s were quoted at 90.60c and Russian bonds of 1904 at 501. The private rate of discount was 2¼@2⅝ per cent. Three per cent rentes 97f 47½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 16c for checks.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Exchange on London, 20 marks 37¾ pfgs. for checks. Discount rates, short bills, 3½ per cent; three months bills, 4 per cent. The changes on the boerse today were of little importance.

Banks and the Treasury.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—In redemption of checks drawn by depositors of gold at the Seattle assay office, today's official records show that the sub-treasury paid out yesterday, $6,428; total thus paid since Friday, $22,398, against $15,631 for the same period a week ago; total payment by government to New York banks for the day, $3,776,-000; payment by banks to government, $3,354,-000; balance on the day's transactions, $422,000, paid by government to banks; total net payment by banks to government since Friday, $29,000, against $2,771,000 similarly paid for the corresponding period a week ago and $2,-880,000 paid by government to banks a year ago.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $141,817,262; gold, $85,378,336; silver, $10,693,244; United States notes, $3,293,-481; treasury notes of 1890, $57,538; national bank notes, $14,050,912; total receipts this day, $1,798,421; total receipts this month, $32,683,-470; total receipts this year, $265,285,418; total expenditures this day, $1,450,000; total expenditures this month, $30,670,000; total expenditures this year, $289,201,747; deposits in national banks, $132,027,710.

BUSINESS INCREASED AT THE EXPENSE OF PRICES

Market Broke Sharply After Interval of Improvement, and Closed Weak.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Herald this (Thursday) morning says: There was an increase in the volume of business on the stock exchange yesterday, accomplished at the expense of prices. After an early interval of strength and improvement, the market broke sharply. There was an irregular recovery from the low prices, due probably to profit-taking purchases by short traders, but the market closed irregularly weak.

Dealings were almost entirely of a professional character, and public interest continued at low ebb. This was not thought surprising in view of the near approach of the holidays and to other developments of a character calculated to unsettle confidence. Only a few issues moved contrary to the general market tendency. Speculative sentiment, so far as this was voiced by professional operators, was bearishly inclined. This opinion on the market was in part influenced by the absence of supporting orders in some conspicuous properties.

The news of the day was mixed, but the mood of Wall street was such that little attention was paid to the favorable features, such as the improved New York Central earnings, the decline in sterling exchange and the further advance in some finished steel products. The important bullish news, the declaration of a first dividend, at the rate of 3 per cent per annum on Reading common stock was not announced until after the close of business.

Sentiment was influenced, and the market with it, by the adverse news such as the reported injury to various industries in the Western Pennsylvania district by drought, and more particularly by the report of Mr. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, which contained some severe aspersions upon industrial corporations and their promoters, and suggesting for them federal control.

In the early trading the Steel Corporation shares exhibited firmness and gains were made. The action of the various associations in advancing the price of plates, structural forms and bars to the extent of $2 a ton, together with the highly favorable report on the steel trade, had a stimulating effect generally. When the recommendations of the commissioner of corporations were published sentiment of the traders was adversely affected, and the leading industrial issues declined. Some selling also occurred, based on the damage to business as a result of the drought in the coke and coal centers.

KINGSLEY HOUSE MEETINGS.

Series of Entertainments for Benefit of Various Classes.

Beginning with last night and continuing for nine days Kingsley house will be given over to a series of Christmas entertainments. The rooms have been prettily festooned in evergreen and holly, and in the big reception room a mammoth tree has been erected for the children. Last night the mothers of the boys and girls who attend Kingsley's clubs and classes gathered at the house for an evening of Christmas cheer. Tonight, tomorrow and Saturday evenings will be given over to the boys, on the afternoons of the same days the girls will be given their turn.

Prizes will be presented to the boys and girls who have done the best work in the sewing, manual training and other branches during the past year. Tomorrow afternoon the members of the kindergarten will hang on the tree the presents they have made for their parents.

Passed Sentence on Son.

"Send him to the workhouse," said John Bramstaedter, a Braddock mill worker, yesterday, when Burgess James Purcell said his son could either go free or to the workhouse for 30 days, the decision being left to the father. The boy was sent to prison. He is 19 years old and came home from Lorain, O., two weeks ago. His stepmother said he had made threats against her.

Standard Investment Bonds.

The Colonial Trust Company, No. 317 Fourth ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., has for sale a variety of bonds yielding the purchaser from 3½ to 6 per cent, which it recommends as desirable investments. Inquire of Alexander C. Thomson, manager bond department.

COMPLETE RECORD OF THE NEW YORK STOCKS

Daily range of prices reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., Peoples Savings Bank building, members of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges and Chicago board of trade.

ACTIVE LIST.

Sales.	STOCKS.	Open	High	Low.	Close Bid.
15500	A., T. & S. F.	85¾	86⅝	84⅝	85½
900	Do preferred	103⅝	103⅞	103¼	103⅜
2300	Amer. Cotton Oil	36½	37	36⅛	36⅝
	Do preferred	....	....	....	95
29500	Amer. Sugar Ref.	142	143⅞	139	141¾
	Do preferred	138⅞	138⅞	138⅞	138
7600	Am. Locomotive	35	35	33⅞	34¼
300	Do preferred	102¾	103	102¾	102¾
11000	Amer. Car F'dry	35⅛	35⅝	33⅞	34⅜
1600	Do preferred	93⅝	93⅝	92½	92½
72000	Amal. Copper	67⅞	68⅛	64¼	65⅛
100	Anaconda Copper	98½	98½	98½	98½
4700	Am. Smelt. & Ref.	81⅛	81⅞	80⅛	80⅜
100	Do preferred	113⅝	113⅝	113⅝	113
600	American Ice	6¾	6¾	6½	6½
1000	Do preferred	38	38	37½	37¼
19400	Balto. & Ohio	100¼	100⅜	98⅞	99⅛
200	Do preferred	95⅛	95⅝	95½	95½
13300	Brook. Rap. Tran.	61⅛	61⅜	59	59½
	Canada Southern	69	69	69	69
2500	Canadian Pacific	130⅝	131	129½	130⅛
4200	Chicago Great W.	22⅝	22⅝	22	22⅛
26100	Consolidated Gas	201½	201½	194¼	195⅜
900	C., C., C. & S. L.	91	91⅜	90⅛	89
2300	Ches. & Ohio	48½	48½	47¼	47½
400	Chicago & Alton	43½	43½	43½	42½
	Do preferred	....	....	....	78
200	Chic. & N. W.	207½	209	207½	204⅝
7000	Col. Fuel & Iron	46½	46¾	45	45½
29000	Corn Products	21⅞	21⅞	20⅛	20⅝
17000	Do preferred	78⅝	79⅛	78⅝	78⅝
700	Colorado South	23⅞	23⅞	22⅝	22⅝
800	Do 1st pfd	59½	59⅞	59⅛	59⅛
600	Do 2d pfd	36⅞	36⅞	35⅞	35½
400	Del., Lack. & W.	330	330	330	328
1700	Del. & Hudson	187⅞	187⅞	186	185¾
13100	Erie	37½	37⅝	36⅛	36⅞
3900	Do 1st pfd	75⅛	75¼	74	74
200	Do 2d pfd	54½	54½	54½	54½
100	General Electric	186	186	186	185¾
	Hocking Valley	....	....	....	89
300	Do preferred	93⅛	93⅛	93	92¾
2400	Illinois Central	155	155	153⅛	154
100	Iowa Central	29¼	29¼	29¼	29
200	Do preferred	55¾	56¼	55½	56
300	Internat. Paper	24⅛	24⅛	24	24
	Do preferred	....	....	....	76
7600	Louis. & Nash	140⅞	141¼	138½	139⅛
100	Manhattan	163¼	163¼	163¼	162
19400	Missouri Pacific	109	109¼	107⅞	108¼
1100	M., K. & T.	31⅛	31⅝	30¼	30¾
1200	Do preferred	63	63⅛	63	63
5800	Metropolitan	122¼	122⅞	121¼	121½
5700	Do securities	79⅞	80⅞	78½	78⅝
5500	Mexican Central	20⅛	21⅛	20⅛	20⅝
3100	National Lead	24⅛	24⅜	23⅜	23⅞
	Do preferred	97⅞	97⅞	97⅞	96½
	National Biscuit	57¼	57½	57	56¾
11300	N. Y. Central	141⅞	142	139¾	140
	N. J. Central	191	191	190	189
2600	N. Y., O. & W.	43½	44	43	43½
3700	Norfolk & W.	79	79	77⅞	78⅛
	Do preferred	....	....	....	92
	North Am. Co.	....	....	....	100
4400	Peoples Gas	107	107⅛	105¼	106
500	Pacific Mail	43¼	43½	42¼	42¼
1000	Pr. Steel Car	39⅜	40	38⅝	38⅝
300	Do preferred	90½	90½	90	89½
25100	Penna. R. R.	137⅞	138	136¼	136⅝
60	P., C., C. & S. L.	76	76	76	75
	Do preferred	106	106	106	105
	Ry. Springs	33¼	33½	32⅞	33¼
	Do preferred	93	93	92⅛	92⅞
50900	Reading	79	79⅛	77½	77⅞
600	Do 1st pfd	90⅛	90⅞	90½	90
100	Do 2d pfd	81½	81½	81½	81⅛
22400	Rock Island	33⅞	34⅝	33⅛	33¼
1000	Do preferred	84½	85⅝	84⅛	84¼
900	Republic Iron	16⅜	16⅝	16	16
600	Do preferred	69⅛	69	68⅛	68⅞
48800	Southern Pacific	64⅜	65½	62⅞	63
9100	Southern Ry.	34⅞	35⅞	33¾	34¼
700	Do preferred	97	97	96⅞	96⅛
18500	St. Paul	170⅜	171⅛	169	169⅛
100	Do preferred	182½	182½	182½	181
900	St. L. & S W	24⅞	24⅞	24	24
100	Do preferred	57	57	57	55
7700	Tenn. Coal & I.	72	72¼	69½	70⅛
900	Tex. & Pacific	34⅜	34⅜	34	34
300	Tol., S. L. & W.	36½	36½	36¼	35½
300	Do preferred	53⅞	54	53⅞	53
68600	U. S. Steel	29¾	30	28½	28⅝
112500	Do preferred	92⅞	93⅛	91	91⅛
	Do 2s 5% bds	92⅞	92⅞	91⅛	91⅛
62800	Union Pacific	111⅛	111⅝	109⅞	110
100	Do preferred	95⅛	95⅛	95⅛	95⅝
	U. S. Rubber	....	....	....	32
200	Do preferred	93⅝	93⅝	93	93
14600	U. S. Leather	14⅛	14⅛	13⅝	14⅛
9300	Do preferred	101⅛	101⅞	100⅜	101
	U. S. Cast I. P.	19	19	18	18½
	Do preferred	80	80	79	79½
500	U. S. Realty	80⅜	80⅛	80	78
100	Wabash	22	22	22	21⅞
500	Do preferred	43⅛	43½	42⅛	42¼
400	W. U. Telegraph	92⅝	92⅝	92⅝	92½
100	Wisconsin Central	....	....	....	21½
300	Do preferred	45⅜	45⅜	45	44⅛
1100	West. Elec. 2 pf.	183½	183½	181½	180⅝
	Federal Min. Co.	63	63	63	63
	Do preferred	....	....	....	76½
	Va. Car. C. Co.	42	42	41½	41
	Do preferred	....	....	....	113⅛
	Am. H. & L.	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	10¼
	Do preferred	45	45	44⅛	44½
	INACTIVE LIST.				
100	Am. S. F'dries	....	13⅞	13⅞	13⅞
100	Do preferred	....	53	53	52⅞
100	Allis Chalmers	....	17	17	17
400	Am. Grass & T.	....	11¾	11½	11½
900	Am. Hide & L.	....	10⅛	10⅛	10
900	Do preferred	....	45	44⅝	44¼
1800	Am. Malt	....	7	7	6⅞
300	Am. Wool	....	21½	21½	21
4100	A. Tob. pfd. ctfs	....	93¾	92¼	92¼
4900	Chic. U. Trac	....	11¼	10	9⅞
400	Do preferred	....	41	40	40⅝
300	Chic. T. T. pfd	....	22	22	22
2900	Corn Products	....	21⅞	20⅛	20⅞
1900	Do preferred	....	79⅛	78⅝	79
200	Denver & Rio G.	....	31½	31⅛	31¼
600	Do preferred	....	89	88¼	88⅛
100	Det. S. Railway	....	7	7	7
700	Do preferred	....	32	31	32
100	D., S. S. & A.	....	13¼	13¼	13¼
700	Do preferred	....	27	26⅞	26⅛
100	Iowa Central	....	29¼	29¼	29¼
200	Do preferred	....	56¼	55⅞	56¼
200	K. C. & Southern	....	28½	28⅛	28
1200	Do preferred	....	52⅞	52½	52½
5800	Met. Subs	....	80⅛	78⅛	78⅞
300	Minn. & St. L.	....	58	58	57⅞
1100	M., K. & T.	....	31⅛	30⅞	30⅛
100	N. Y. Airbrake	....	160	160	160
100	Pacific C. Co.	....	77⅛	77⅛	77⅛
	Do 1st pfd	....	112½	112½	112
1100	Rubber Goods	....	26⅞	26½	26⅛
300	Do preferred	....	94	94	93⅞
1200	S. Rope & Twine	....	2¼	2¼	2
100	Sloss	....	69⅛	69⅞	69½
100	Do preferred	....	101¼	101¼	101
200	U. S. C. I. Pipe	....	19	19	19
100	Do preferred	....	80	79	79⅝
1000	Va. Car.—Chem.	....	42	41½	41¼
1100	W. Elec. 2 pfd	....	183½	181½	181

NEW YORK CLOSING BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	104¼	*L. & N. unif. 4s.	103⅝
Do coupon	104⅜	*Man. c. gold 4s.	105
U. S. 3s, reg.	104½	Mexican Cen. 4s.	76¼
Do coupon	104½	Do 1st inc.	23⅞
U. S. new 4s, reg.	130¾	M. K. & T. 4s.	100½
Do coupon	130⅜	*Do 2nds	85
U. S. old 4s, reg.	105⅜	Nat. Mexico c. 4s.	81½
Do coupon	106⅝	*N. Y. C. g. 3½s.	100¼
*Atchison gen. 4s.	102	*N. J. C. gen. 5s.	136
Do adjt. 4s.	94½	North. Pacific 4s.	105½
*Atl. Coast L. 4s.	99¾	*Do 3s	75
Balt. & Ohio 4s.	103⅛	N. & W. con. 4s.	100⅜
*Do 3½s	96	Ore. S. L. 4s & P.	104
*Cen. Georgia 5s.	111	Penna. conv. 3½s.	102⅝
Do 1st inc.	92½	Reading gen. 4s.	102½
Ches. & Ohio 4½s.	107⅞	*St. L. & I. M. c. 5s.	116¼
*C. & Alton 3½s.	82	St. L. & S. F. fg 4s.	89⅜
C. B. & Q. n. 4s.	100¼	*St. L. S'w 1sts.	97⅝
*C. M. & St. P. g 4s.	110⅜	Seab'd Air L. 4s.	84¼
*C. & N'w c. 7s.	129	South. Pacific 4s.	94
C. R. I. & P. 4s.	80¾	*Southern Ry. 5s.	119½
Do col. 5s.	93⅜	*Tex. & Pac. 1sts.	119⅜
†C. C. C. & S. L. g. 4s.	101½	*T. St. L. & W. 4s.	82⅞
Chicago Term. 4s.	85½	Union Pacific 4s.	106¼
Cons. Tobacco 4s.	76	Do conv. 4s.	110¼
Col. & South. 4s.	92¼	U. S. Steel 2nd 5s.	92
*D. & R. G. 4s.	102	*Wabash 1sts	117½
*Erie pri. lien 4s.	101½	Do Deb. B.	67½
Do gen. 4s	91⅜	W. & L. E. 4s.	93⅞
*Ft. W. & D. C. 1st.	107¼	*Wiscon. Cen. 4s.	92½
Hock. Val. 4½s.	111⅛	Col. Fuel con. 4s.	85½

*Bid. †Offered.
Total sales (par value), $3,200,000.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

Atchison	85⅝	American Sugar	141⅛
Do preferred	103⅜	Do preferred	138½
*Bos. & Albany	252	Am. Tel. & Tel.	146¾
Boston & Maine	170	American Woolen	20½
Boston Elevated	153	Do preferred	93½
Fitchburg pfd	139½	Dom. Iron & Stl.	17
Mexican Central	20½	Mass. Gas	37⅝
N. Y. N. H. & H.	195½	United Fruit	107
†Pere Marquette	76	United Shoe Mach.	58½
Union Pacific	110	Do preferred	31½
Am. Arge. Chem.	21	U. S. Steel	28⅝
Do preferred	86	Do preferred	91½
†Am. Pneu. Tube	5¼		

*Bid. †Asked.

New York Mining Stocks.

Adams Con.	.20	Little Chief	.05
Alice	.60	Ontario	3.75
Breece	.19	Ophir	3.00
Brunswick Con.	.09	Phoenix	.16
Comstock Tunnel	.08	Potosi	.10
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.30	Savage	.14
Horn Silver	1.55	Sierra Nevada	.34
Iron Silver	2.00	Small Hopes	.25
Leadville Con.	.02	*Standard	2.00

*Offered.

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Amer. Tin Can	11¾	Do 5s	62
Do preferred	62	North. Securities	129¼
Bay State Gas	7-16	Otis Elevator	45
Electric Vehicle	13	Do preferred	99
Do preferred	22	Seab'd Air Line	16¼
Greene Con. Cop.	24	Do preferred	35½
Interborough	162	Standard Oil	638
Int. Mer. Mar.	12¾	Tennessee Copper	36¼
Do preferred	27½	Tonopah	9
International Salt	21		

Electric Stocks at Boston.

Westingh'se com.	90	Mass. Electric	14
*Edison Elec. Il.	254	Do preferred	56

*Asked.

Express Companies' Stocks.

Adams	236	United States	115
American	208	Wells-Fargo	237

Philadelphia Closing Bids.

Amer. Railways	48	Penna. Steel	45
Cambria Steel	25⅝	Do preferred	98
Cambria Iron	47	Phila. Co.	41½
Cons. Trac. N. J.	80	Do preferred	47
Cons. Lake Sup'r.	8¼	Phila. Traction	98⅝
Do preferred	16½	Phila. Elec. Co.	10⅝
Elec. Stor. com.	79½	Tidewater Steel	1¼
Elec. Co. Amer.	10½	Do preferred	3
Lehigh Valley	53⅛	Union Traction	58⅝
Marsden	4¼	United Gas Impt.	105
Penna. R. R.	68⅜		

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Close—Money on call, steady, 2½@3 per cent; closing bid, 2½; offered at 2¾. Time loans easy and dull; 60 days, 90 days and six months, 3½@3¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87.15 for demand and at $4 84.50 for 60 day bills. Posted rates, $4 85½ and $4 88. Commercial bills, $4 84¼. Bar silver, 61⅛c. Mexican dollars, 48⅛c. Government bonds easy. Railroad bonds heavy.

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ADVANCES MADE IN THREE LINES

Structural Steel, Bars and Plates Put at Higher Selling Base.

BILLETS WILL RAISE SOON

Advances of $2 a ton in structural steel, bars and plates are the main changes in the steel market during the past week. The advances were made by the associations of the manufacturers at the meetings held in New York. Even at the advance they hardly reflect the entire change for the better that has come over the situation.

Far more surprising than the advance in these lines was the decision of the billet association not to make advances in billets. The present association price of $21 is far from reflecting the actual market, as has been pointed out repeatedly in this department. The decision not to make the advance was based on two arguments. The first is that the sales of billets at present are insignificant and the second that a later meeting can better determine the extent of the justified advance. In a few weeks the advance will be made.

Some important deals in second quarter pig iron are being made. Bessemer pig iron is quoted at $17 25 to $17 50, Pittsburgh; No. 2 foundry iron at $16 85 to $17 25, Pittsburgh, and grey forge at $16 35 to $16 50, Pittsburgh.

The demand for coke is growing extremely urgent and many furnaces appear to be threatened with the necessity of banking unless relief in this matter appears. The railroad companies claim that the drought has interfered and continues to interfere with the operation of their trains to such an extent that they cannot make satisfactory deliveries of coke and other freight. It is easy to secure $3 for foundry coke. Furnace coke can bring the same price if an assurance of delivery can be made. The offers now are about $2 50.

At the same time with the shortage of coke comes a demand for more iron than the present active furnaces can produce. The Union Steel Company furnaces at Donora are expected to start this month.

These furnaces are in some respect comparable to those built for the Clairton Steel Company. The Clairton furnaces have made wonderful records on cost. In September the two then operating produced iron at less cost than any other furnaces in the Steel Corporation except one. In October and November they were first in the Steel Corporation in this regard and it is expected that they will maintain this lead.

One of the present features of the market is the great scarcity of open-hearth billets. Bessemer billets are hard to procure also, but the open-hearth are apparently not to be had. This is explained by the large number of orders which have come from railroads. Railroad supplies consume much open-hearth steel. The open-hearth steel capacity seems to be much less than the demand at present. The addition of the four Talbot furnaces of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company in about three months will help some, as these furnaces will have a combined capacity of 800 tons daily.

Current Quotations.

Below are given current quotations on various lines of iron and steel, etc.:

Pig iron—Northern Bessemer, $17 25@17 50, Pittsburgh.

No. 2 foundry, northern, $16 85@17 25, Pittsburgh; southern, $13 00, Birmingham, or $17 35, Pittsburgh.

Gray forge, $16 35@16 50, Pittsburgh.

Billets, association prices—Bessemer and open hearth, 4x4, $21, Pittsburgh; small billets and sheet and tin bars, $23; extras for carbon, 0.26 to 0.60, $1; 4.61 to 1.00, $2 00.

Muck bar—A ton, $29 00, Pittsburgh.

Steel rails—Standard sections, not under 50 pounds, in lots of 500 tons or over, $28; carlots, less than 500 tons, $30; less than carlots, $32; light rails, 16 to 25 pounds, $25; 25 to 45 pounds, $24; spikes, $1 60@1 65 a 100 pounds.

Structural steel—3 to 15 inches, $1 50 the 100 pounds; over 15 inches, $1 60; angles, 3x2 up to 6x6, $1 50; tees, $1 55; zees, $1 50; universal and sheared plates, 6¼ to 24 inches, $1 40; over 24 inches, $1 50 base.

Steel plates—Tank plates, ¼ inch thick, 6¼ to 14 inches, inclusive, $1 40 f. o. b. mill Pittsburgh; over 14 inches up to 100 inches, $1 50; extras, a pound, flange and boiler steel, 10c; marine and ordinary firebox, 20c; still bottoms, 30c; locomotive firebox, 50c; plates over 100 inches up to 110 in width, not less than 5c the 100 pounds extra; plates, 110 inches to 115 inches wide, not less than 10c extra; 115 inches to 120 inches, 15c extra; plates, 120 inches to 125 inches wide, not less than 25c extra; plates 125 inches to 130 inches wide, not less than $1 00 extra; plates, 3-16 inches thick, $2 00 extra; gauges 7 and 8, $3 00 extra; No. 9, $5 00 extra. Five cents extra for less than carlots. Terms net cash in 30 days, and for all points of delivery in the United States except the Pacific coast.

Bars—Iron, $1 55, Youngstown, in carlots or more; less than carlots, $1 60@1 65, Youngstown; hoops, $1 55; bands, $1 50; steel bars, Bessemer and open-hearth, $1 40; plow and cultivator beams, $1 40, net; channels, angles, zees and tees, under 3 inches, $1 50; extras as follows: Less than 1,000 pounds of a size, 30c; 1,000 to 2,000 pounds, 10c.

Wire—Uniform quotations f. o. b. Pittsburgh, 60 days, with 2 per cent discount for cash in 10 days, follow: Wire nails, jobbers' carlots, $1 75; retailers' carlots, $1 80; less than carlots, $1 90; painted barb wire, $1 90, to jobbers in carlots; $1 95 to retailers in carlots; less than carlots, $1 65, with 30c for galvanized; annealed smooth wire fencing, $1 65. Iron and cut nails are held at $1 75; steel, $1 70.

Merchant steel—Toe calk, $2; carriage spring steel, $1 85; tire steel, $1 60@1 65; plow steel, 6 inches and under, $1 35; for Bessemer and open-hearth; plow slabs, ½-inch and heavier, $1 60. Drawn and cold rolled shafting is held at 52 per cent off in carload lots and 47 per cent in less than carload lots.

Tin plate—100-pound coke plates, $3 45 a box f. o. b. mill, Pittsburgh.

Sheets—Black, carlots, one pass, No. 8, $1 70; No. 9, $1 75; 12-14, $1 80; 15-17, $1 90; 18-21, $1 95; 22-24, $2 00; 25-26, $2 05; 27, $2 10; 28, $2 20; 29, $2 50; 30, $2 60; galvanized, 10-17, $2 50 18-21, $2 55; 22-24, $3 00; 25-26, $3 05; 27, $3 10; 28, $3 25; 29, $3 60; 30, $4 00.

Merchant pipe—The latest list of discounts to consumers, issued by the largest producer covering carload lots, f. o. b. Pittsburgh, follows:

	Steel Blk.	Steel Galv.	Iron Blk.	Iron Galv.
¼ to ¼-inch	69	53	67	51
⅜ to ½-inch	73	61	71	59
¾ to 6-inch	77	67	75½	65½
7 to 12-inch	72	57	70½	55
EXTRA STRONG PIPE.				
½ to ⅝-inch	62	50	60	48
¾ to 4-inch	69	57	67	55
4½ to 8-inch	65	53	63	51

BOILER TUBES.

	Steel.	Iron.
1-inch to 1½	46	43
1¾ to 2¼	58	43
2½-inch	60	48
2¾ to 5	66	55
6 to 13 inches	58	43

Ferro-manganese—Domestic, 80 per cent, delivered, $41@42.

Spelter—Prime western, $5 85@6 00 the 100 pounds, Pittsburgh, in carlots.

Skelp—Groved iron, $1 60; sheared iron, $1 80; stel skelp, very scarce; quotations irregular.

Scrap—Steel scrap, $16 50@17 00; cast scrap, $15 00@15 50; wrought iron, gross tons, $19 00@19 50; cast iron borings, $10 00@10 50; rerolling rails, $17 00; sheet scrap, $13 50@14 00.

The Hardware Market.

Notwithstanding the holiday orders for hardware continue to come in to the trade in fairly good shape, these orders coverings season goods, cutlery, fancy goods, sporting goods, silverware and liner that are moving at this time from retailers to consumers and holiday buyers. Pocket knives and tableware are having a very large demand, as well as other lines of fancy cutlery and silverware. Nails and wire continue to move freely, the trade evidently getting their stocks in shape for after the first of the year, which indicates their getting ready for a good business in 1905. Prices generally are firm, with some slight advances. The Bindley Hardware Company furnishes the following quotations:

Columbia pocket knives, discount 35 per cent; Albion hatchets, discount 40 and 10 per cent; Bindley canal shovels, $6 50 a doz.; Great Western files, discount 70 and 10 per cent; sheet iron, base, No. 26, $2 35 a 100 pounds; galvanized sheet iron, discount 70 and 10 per cent; sash weights, a ton, $27; window glass, L. C. L., 90, 20 and 2½ per cent from list October 1, 1903; C. L., 90, 10 and 2½ per cent from list October 1, 1903; Albion sewing machines, discount 25 per cent; blue and white enamelled ware, 60 and 10 per cent; Albion gas stoves, 40 per cent; Albion lanterns, 40 per cent; fire shovels and pokers, 40 and 10 per cent.

ADVANCE ON BAR PRICE SATISFACTORY TO TRADE

Railroads Are Not Coming in the Market as Promptly as Expected, However.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Iron Age tomorrow will say: The expected advance of $2 a ton in bars, plates and shapes have been made and are generally satisfactory to the trade. They were preceded by the booking of considerable tonnage. The billet association decided to let the official price alone, but that action has little significance, because, as a matter of fact, the official prices have become purely nominal. It is today merely a question how large a premium buyers must pay. It is understood that a very large amount of business has been booked.

Interest centers on the steel rail trade. It may be frankly acknowledged that the railroads are not coming into the market quite as promptly as has been expected. The Pennsylvania road, with its keen interest in the mills along its lines, has been the leader as usual by contracting for a total of 102,700 tons, with the usual privilege of taking 10 per cent less. Some business has been placed in the west. In the south the Tennessee company has secured 65,000 tons of the 75,000-ton order of the Southern Railway, the balance going to northern mills. The Vanderbilt lines are in the market for a total tonnage of 128,000 tons, which are to be placed in the next 10 days. In the west the order for 150,000 tons for the Rock Island is not yet settled.

Various estimates are made as to the rail requirements of the coming year. Conservative leaders of the industry place them at 2,250,000 tons. Others go as high as 2,500,000 tons, which is exclusive of seconds, of light rails and of girder rails. Even the lower tonnage would be a very satisfactory improvement on this year's business.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH UNION STOCK YARDS. Wednesday, December 21, 1904.

Cattle—Supply light and market steady. Choice, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., $5 25@5 50; prime, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., $4 85@5 10; good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs., $4 40@4 80; tidy, 1,060 to 1,500 lbs., $4 00@4 35; common, 700 to 900 lbs., $2 00@3 00; choice heifers, $3 40@3 75; common to good, $2 00@3 25; good fat cows and springers, $40@50; common to fair, $20@30.

Sheep and lambs—Supply fair, market steady, prime wethers, 95 to 100 lbs., $4 75@4 90; good mixed, 85 to 90 lbs., $4 40@4 70; fair mixed, 75 to 80 lbs., $3 75@4 25; common, $2 00@3 00; lambs, $4 00@6 65; veal calves; $7 00@7 50; heavy and thin, $4 00@5 00.

Hogs—Receipts 40 double decks and market steady. Prime heavy, $4 75@4 80; medium, $4 65; heavy Yorkers, $4 60@4 65; light Yorkers, $4 50@4 55; pigs, $4 40@4 50; roughs, $4 00; stags, $3 00@3 50.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts 5,700 head, including 100 southerns. Market steady to 10c higher. Choice export and dressed beef steers, $5 00@6 50; fair to good, $3 50@5 00; western-fed steers, $3 50@5 50; stockers and feeders, $2 50@4 10; southern steers, $2 50@4 25; southern cows, $1 75@3 25; native cows, $1 75@4 25; bulls, $2 00@4 00; calves, $3 00@6 50. Hogs—Receipts 11,000 head. Market weak to 5c lower. Top, $4 67½; bulk of sales, $4 35@4 60; heavy, $4 65@4 67½; packers, $4 50@4 60; pigs and lights, $3 75@4 50. Sheep—Receipts 2,200 head. Market steady. Native lambs, $5 00@6 50; native wethers, $4 00@5 25; native ewes, $4 00@5 00; western lambs, $5 00@6 35; western yearlings, $4 75@5 60; western sheep, $3 75@4 75; stockers and feeders, $2 50@4 50.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts 16,000 head, including 200 westerns. Market 10@15c higher; good to prime steers, $6 10@7 00; poor to medium, $3 85@6 00; stockers and feeders, $2 10@4 20; cows, $1 25@4 40; heifers, $2 00@5 00; canners, $1 25@2 40; bulls, $2 00@4 00; calves, $3 00@6 75; western steers, $3 50@5 00. Hogs—Receipts 45,000 head. Market 5@10c lower; mixed and butchers, $4 35@4 65; good to choice heavy, $4 55@4 70; rough heavy, $4 30@4 45; light, $4 20@4 50; bulk of sales, $4 40@4 57½. Sheep—Receipts 17,000 head. Sheep and lambs 10@15c higher; good to choice wethers, $4 55@5 10; fair to choice mixed, $3 50@4 50; native lambs, $4 50@6 90.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Beeves—Receipts 2,196 head; firm and higher. Native steers, $4 00@5 50; tops, $5 65@5 75; oxen and stags, $3 00@4 50; choice fat oxen, $5; bulls, $2 50@3 90; few export bulls, $4 15@4 20; cows, $1 30@3 10; few choice fat Ohio cows, $3 40. Exports, 310 cattle and 2,700 quarters of beef; tomorrow, 620 cattle. Calves—Receipts, 1,145 head. Veals and calves steady; veals, $5 00@9 25; little calves, $4 00@4 50; barnyard calves, $2 50@3 50; western, $3 20@4 00. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 2,724 head. Sheep slow to 25c lower; lambs firm; prime lambs, 10@15c higher; sheep, $3 00@4 90; few choice, $5; culls, $5. Canada lambs, $6 70. Hogs—Receipts 8,905 heard; firmer. Good to prime state hogs quoted at $5@5 15.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—Hogs quiet, butchers, $4 65@4 70; common, $3 75@4 20. Cattle steady; fair to good shippers, $4 00@5 00; common, $2 00@2 25. Sheep steady, $2 25@4 25. Lambs steady, $4 50@6 75.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The market for coffee futures was a shade less active than yesterday, but met with a continued good demand from Wall street houses chiefly in spite of which heavy realizing by recent buyers, checked the advancing tendency and closed the market at a net loss for the day.

The opening was steady at a decline of 5@15 points in response to rather disappointing cables, which reported rather full Brazilian receipts, unchanged Brazilian markets and indifference in the European markets which have recently shown little disposition to follow the advance. But there was a big demand for Wall street account at the opening decline. On the other hand, trade interests, cotton exchange houses and some of the European houses were active sellers and after advancing some five points above last night's finals on actual sales, the market in the afternoon eased off and closed steady at a net decline of 5@10 points. Sales were reported of 271,500 bags, including January at 7.50@7.60c; March, 7.75@7.90c; April, 7.90@7.95c; May, 8.00@8.15c; July, 8.15@8.30c; September, 8.40@8.55c; October, 8.50@8.55c; November, 8.55c. Coffee, spot Rio quiet; mild quiet. Sugar, raw, firm. Refined firm.

GREENS AND BUTTER SUFFER CUT IN PRICE

Fresh Egg Situation Is Easing Up, Although Not Enough to Reduce Prices.

Only three cars of fruit and produce arrived yesterday, the lightest receipts in this market in over a year. But little improvement is looked for now until after the holidays, as the Pittsburgh stores are well stocked and there is plenty to supply the demand if nothing else should arrive for a week.

Business yesterday was heavy in all lines along Liberty avenue, and dealers were busy shipping goods all day long. In the wholesale grocery houses the usual Christmas supplies were being handled in large orders. The sugar situation has eased off somewhat, but coffee is still as strong as ever. Flour is weak but better than last week, and no break is looked for. Dealers claim the price should naturally go up instead of down.

Local butter dealers have cut the price of prints a half cent a pound, without regard to the figures fixed by the Elgin telegram. The market is weak, even with the reduction. Dealers claim the price got too high for the ordinary butter user, and he went to oleo for relief. It is confidently believed the butter market is about due for a drop, and it is looked for next week. There will be no market at all Monday, owing to the holiday, and dealers expect a cut if the Elgin board meets Tuesday. If not then, they are certain it will come the week following.

The egg situation is said to be improving and select fresh eggs are now arriving in a little better quantity. Still there is no indication of a cut in quotations, and 35 cents a dozen by the case still holds good.

Holly and Christmas greens are being cut in price. There is no overstock and not much more expected, but the dealers prefer to get rid of the goods now at lower prices, as they are dead stock after Christmas. Aside from this there was no apparent movement in prices yesterday in the produce and fruit lines. The demand was heavy.

Receipts of fruit and produce reported yesterday were: Apples, 1 car, making 54 in stock; onions, 1 car, making 9, and miscellaneous, 1 car, making 9.

HAY AND GRAIN.

Receipts.

Receipts of hay and grain yesterday were as follows: Pennsylvania lines, 3 cars corn, 3 cars wheat, 24 cars hay, 3 cars oats; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 1 car corn, 2 cars oats; Baltimore & Ohio, 11 cars hay, 1 car straw.

Light receipts of hay and grain characterized the Pittsburgh market yesterday. Dealers look for little improvement now until after the holidays, the trade being fairly well supplied, and this being the season of taking stock, when retailers do not care to load up heavily. Corn receipts fell off very materially, no shipments getting in over the Panhandle, which is the great corn road. Ear corn advanced sharply in the face of heavy demands and a shortage in supplies. Although tthe market is slow this week, dealers are well satisfied, and as there has been a good trade all fall and the dullness of this week is only customary at this time.

No. 1 timothy ..$13.25@13.50	No. 2 middlings .$21.25@21.75
No. 2 ....$12.00@12.50	do brown. $19.00@19.50
No. 1 clov. $13.25@13.50	Bran, ton. .$19.50@20.00
No. 1 mix. $12.75@13.00	Wheat, No. 2 red, at mill. ..$1.06@1.08
Loose from wagon. $14.00@16.00	New yellow shelled ...49½@50c
Straw, oat. .$7.25@7.50	New high mixed ....48½@49c
do wheat. .$7.25@7.50	New yellow ear ....54½@55c
do rye. .$12.00@12.50	No. 2 rye, western ....90½@91c
No. 2 white oats ....35½@36c	
No. 3 oats. ...35@35½c	
No. 4 oats. .33¾@34¼c	
White middlings, No. 1, ton. .$22.50@23.00	

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE.

Butter.	
Prints ....29½@30c	do Wis. Swiss, tubs ....15@15½c
Tubs ....29@29½c	do block ....14@14½c
Ohio cream ....25@26c	do imported. 27@27½c
Dairy ....21@22c	do Limberger, new. .13¾@14c
Renovated butter ....20@22c	do 5-lb brk. 15@15½c
Cheese, N. Y., full crm, new. 13¼@14c	Neufchatel, per box ...90c@$1.00
do Ohio crm. 13@13½c	Shefford, box 95c
do ¾ cream, new ....11@11½c	Eggs, selected 34c
	do candled 1sts ....31@32c
	do storage ....23@25c

SEEDS.

Clover, from store, recleaned, 60-lb bu small. $8.15@8.25	Millet, Western ...$1.25@1.50
do mammoth ...$8.10@8.20	Southern ..$1.75@1.80
do crimson. $4.50@4.75	Grass, Hungarian ....90c@$1.00
do white Dutch. $9.75@11.50	do lawn, lb. ..16@18c
Alsike ....$8.50@9.25	do blues, 14-lb bu. ....$1.25@1.50
Alfalfa ....$8.50@9.00	do red, top, 14-lb bu. $1.10@1.60
	Timothy ....$1.40@1.50

GROCERIES.

Flour.	do 5-lb bags 6.05c
Fancy spg. patent, quarters, in paper. $6.30@6.35	do pow'd xxxx. .6.00c
Fancy winter patent ..$5.85@6.05	do cut loaf 6.05c
Straight win. $5.45@5.60	do cubes 6.15c
Rye ....$4.50@4.55	do coff. A. 5.15@5.75c
Graham ....$4.65@4.75	do No. 1 yellow. 5.75c
Cornmeal, bbl. ...$3.25@3.40	do No. 2 yellow. 5.45c
do 10-lb cotton bags ....16½@17c	do No. 3 yellow. 5.40c
Buckwheat $3.00@3.25	Beans.
Rolled oats, bbl. $1.25	Navy, choice H. P. ....$1.90@1.95
do kegs $2.40	Red kidney ..$3.25@3.30
Roasted Coffee.	Cal. lima, lb. ..5¼@5½c
Rio ....14@14½c	Peas, dried, bu. ....$1.25@1.35
Santos ....23@24c	do split, lb. 3¼c
Maracaibo ...15½@16c	bu. ....$2.00@2.10
Peaberry ....18@18½c	do marrowfat, bu. ....$2.00@2.10
Golden Rio ...15½@16c	Oil, carbon, 110 deg. 11¼c
Caracas ...20@20½c	do headlight ...12¾c
Standard, pkgs. 13.55c	do water white ...13c
High-grade 18½@19½c	do Ohio W. W. 150 deg. 12¾c
Molasses, fancy refined ....35@36c	do Elaine 16c
do choice ....31@34c	do special brands ....26@43c
do open ket. .37@39c	Rice, ex-fancy head, lb ....6@6½c
Syrup.	do fancy Japan ....4@4¼c
Fancy syrup ...28@30c	do choice, Carolina ....5½@5¾c
Maple sugar, gal. $1.06	Salt, No. 1 bbl $1.10
Sug. and cane. .24@25c	do No. 2 extra ...$1.20
Prime ....24@25c	do gran. rock 95c
¼-lb cans, doz. ...$1.90	do pocket ..$1.65@1.95
½-lb cans, doz. ...$1.10	do dairy $1.50
5-lb cans, doz. ...$1.85	Lentils, fancy "6-O," lb. ..5@5½c
10-lb cans, doz. ...$3.40	Sauerkraut, 40-gal. cask ...$5.00
Maple, gal. ....75c@$1.00	do 15-gal. keg ...$2.00
Oatmeal, bbl. $5.25	
do kegs $2.75	
Sugar, sta. gran. ..5.85c	
do bags 5.85c	
do 2-lb carton. 6.05c	

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches, sta. pie. $1.10	Raspberries ....85@95c
do pie, gal. $2.50@3.00	Gooseberries ....85@90c
do California, L. C. ..$1.65@2.25	Tomatoes, fancy ..$1.15@1.35
do Maryland ...$1.45@1.65	do standard ...80@85c
do California, Y. F. ..$1.80@2.00	do gal. ...$2.50@2.65
Corn, fancy. $1.10@1.20	Succotash, 1-lb cans ....$1.25@1.40
do stan. ...90c@$1.00	Baked beans, cans, tomato sc. ..75@95c
Cherries, Cal. white ..$2.50@2.75	Salmon, doz. 95c@$2.00
Lima beans. $1.25@1.45	do red, 1-lb flats ....$1.00@1.30
do soaked ...75@80c	1-lb flats. $1.65@2.00
String beans, 2-lb. .70c	do pink, 1-lb talls ....$1.81@2.10
do 3-lb 95c	Chipped beef. $2.25@2.75
Stringless beans ..$1.25@1.75	Corn and roast beef, 2-lb cans ....$2.40@2.45
Peas, marrowfat ...88@90c	do 1-lb cans ....$1.30@1.35
do early June ....92@95c	Mackerel, broiled, $1.00@2.50
do soaked ...55@65c	Sardines, domestic, ¼s. ..$3.45@3.60
Apples, N. Y., gal. cans. $2.15@2.25	do mustards, ¾s. $2.60
Pineapples .$1.25@2.55	do French. $0.50@18.50
Plums, California ..$1.55@1.60	

PRODUCE.

Potatoes, bu. store ...55@60c	Spinach, do bu hamp'rs. 65@75c
Jersey sweets, kiln dried, bbl. ....$3.75@4.00	Honey, new ....15@16c
do hamp'r. $1.25@1.50	Extra fancy 17c
do crates. $1.35@1.40	do Miller's, 12 sec. 18½c
Onions, yellow Danvers, bbl. $2.50@2.75	Beets, bbls. .$1.50@1.75
do bu ...$1.10@1.15	Popcorn, lb. ....4@5c
Spanish, per crate ...$1.75@1.85	Eggplant, Florida, crates ....$3.00@3.50
Carrots, bbl. $1.50@1.75	Squash, marrowfats, bbl. $1.00@1.25
do hamp'rs. 90c@$1.00	do Hubbard bbl. ....$1.25@1.50
Parsnips, bbl. ....$1.50@1.75	Rutabagas ..$1.15@1.25
Cucumbers, Boston doz. ...$1.75@2.00	Peppers, bu. .60c@$1.00
Cabbage, domestic, bbl. ....75c@$1.00	Mushrooms, per lb. ....35@40c
do ton. ..$11.00@12.00	Cauliflower, Cal. crates ...$2.25@2.50
do Savoy, bbl. ....$1.00@1.25	Garlic, lb. ....7@8c
do German seed, ton ...$14.00@15.00	Cranberries, per crate. $1.75@2.25
do bbl. ...$1.00@1.25	Horseradish, bbl. ....$5.00@6.00
Ohio celery ....20@30c	Turnips, bu. ....50@60c
do Cal. ....60@65c	do bbl. ...$1.50@1.75
Brussels sprouts, quart ....12½@15c	Watercress, doz. 45@50c
	Lettuce, baskets ...25c

FRUITS.

Lemons, Messinas ...$3.00@3.25	Malaga grapes ..$5.00@6.00
Oranges, Florida .$2.25@2.75	do Catawba, 4-lb ....10@11c
Navel ....$2.75@3.25	Grape fruit ..$3.50@4.00
Cocoanuts, bags ...$3.50@4.00	Apples, fancy, Kings, bbl. $2.75@3.00
do doz. ....65@75c	do Baldwin. $2.25@2.50
Figs, cartons ..75@80c	do Palisades (Col.) box $2.25
do layers ....8@12c	do other varieties. $2.25@2.50
do washed, stuffed. doz ...$2.25	Choice ....$1.25@1.50
Dates, stuffed 18c	Limes, per 100 ...75c@$1.00
Bananas 1st. $1.50@2.00	Pears, Keifers, Ohio and N. Y., bbls. ....$2.00@2.50
do 2nds ..$1.00@1.50	do Cal. box $3.00
Pineapples, crate ..$3.00@3.50	
Tangerines, Fla. box $3.50	
do ½ box ...$1.75	

SOUTHERN GREEN STUFF.

Tomatoes, Fla., crate ...$3.00@3.50	Head lettuce, bbl. ....$3.50@4.00
do Cal. ...$2.75@3.00	Escarolle, bbl. $3.50@4.00
Shallots, doz. ..40@50c	Spinach, doz. ...50@60c
Carrots, doz. ...60@65c	Radishes, doz. ...15@25c
Endive, bbl. ..$3.50@4.00	Green beans. .$3.00@3.50

Arranging Semi-Centennial of Passenger Agents' Association

The committee which has in charge the matter of the semi-centennial meeting of the American Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents, which is to be held in Pittsburgh March 13, the anniversary of the formation of the organization, will meet in a few days for the purpose of preparing a program. The committee had hoped to have Lucius Tuttle make a speech, since he was one of the charter members of the organization and its first president. Mr. Tuttle is now president of a railroad, instead of being president of the association, and he has another engagement for that time. The American association was one of the first organizations of its sort ever formed. It led ultimately to the formation of the territorial organizations and was the father of all of the associations and bureaus of the present time. It was also the originator of the inter-line ticket and joint rate sheet and the divisional and territorial rate sheets which have been put out. The modern method of doing railroad business in the passenger department is, therefore, dependant upon this old association. The meeting to be held here will more than likely bring out most of the things which were done at the earlier time in railroad business.

Revising Tariff Sheets.

The rate clerks of the Central Passenger association are meeting in Chicago, figuring out the east-bound tariff. It is said the necessity arose from the fact new rates are to be introduced, especially those which were put in by the Wabash to Pittsburgh and Chicago, that road claiming a differential on these fares. The fuel committee of the Central Freight association held a meeting Monday to check in the rates on coal which were recently agreed to for the ensuing year. These rates are the same as those which were in effect a year ago.

May Order 400 Engines.

It has practically been determined that the motive power requirements of the Pennsylvania railroad for 1905 will necessitate the building and purchase of close to 400 locomotives. Should the above number be decided upon, about 250 will be built by the company at its Juniata shops, while the balance will in all likelihood be built by the Baldwin locomotive works, with which firm space has been reserved.

Railroad Notes.

The Pennsylvania railroad has taken on eight more crews between Pittsburgh and Altoona.

F. H. Tristram, assistant general passenger agent of the Wabash, left yesterday for Kansas City.

William A. Parker has been appointed purchasing agent of the Bessemer & Lake Erie to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. M. Ritchie.

Handsome stations are to be built at the stops on the West Side Belt next spring. At present box cars have been extemporized as waiting rooms and ticket offices.

The regular quarterly meeting of the transportation officers of the Pennsylvania lines west was held yesterday in the Union station. Only routine business matters were discussed.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Live hens ....10@12c	do No. 2 ....$3.75
do roosters ....6@7c	Ducks, ruddy $1.25
do turkeys ...15@17c	do red head. $1.75@3.00
do spring chickens ..10@12c	do canvasback ....$2.75@3.00
do geese ....11@12c	Impt. golden plover, doz. $5.50
do ducks ....13@14c	do black plover. .$4.50
Dressed hens. ..14@15c	do grouse $2.50
do roosters ...10@11c	do partridges $2.25
do turkeys. ...20@22c	English pheasants, per pair $3.25
do spring chickens ....15@16c	Reed birds, doz. ..$1.25
do Long Island ducklings 20c	Snappers, per lb. .9@10c
do ducks ....16@17c	Rabbits, pair. ..35@40c
do capon, lb. .26@27c	Woodchuck ....40@50c
Squab, doz. $4.00	Suckling pigs, lb. 10@12c
	Pigeons, doz. 90c@$1.00

JOBBERS' YARD PRICES.

Potatoes, Mich., carlots ....40@50c	Sweets, K. D., Jersey, bbl. ....$3.50@3.75
do bu. ....46@48c	do crate ...$1.15@1.20
do Ohio, carlots ....53@55c	Rutabagas, bu. ..30@35c
do bu. ....55@58c	Carrots, ton ....$15.00@16.00
Onions, bbl. .$2.40@2.50	Parsnips, ton ...$18.00@20.00
do bu. ...$1.00@1.10	Squash, Hub. ton ...$10.00@12.00
Cabbage, G. seed, ton ...$13.00@14.00	do marrowfat, ton ....$8.00@9.00
do domestic, ton ....$8.00@8.50	Turnips, bbl. $1.25@1.50
Apples, fancy, bbl. ....$1.90@2.50	Beets, bbl. ..$1.50@1.75
do choice, bbl. ....$1.25@1.50	Holly, crates. $2.25@2.50
do bulk, bbl. ....$1.00@1.25	

PROVISIONS.

Hams.	Breakfast bacon, back strips ...10¼c
18 lbs and up 9¼c	Dry salt sides, extra short clears ...8⅜c
Over 14 to 18 lbs. 9½c	Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs. 8¾c
Over 10 to 14 lbs. ..10c	do 16 to 20 lbs. ...9c
10 lbs and under. 10½c	do under 16 lbs. ...9c
Skinned 10½c	Dry salt smoked sides, extra short clears ..9⅛c
Boneless boiled 17c	Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs. 9⅝c
California 7¼c	do 16 to 20 lbs. ...10c
Shoulders, N. Y., cut 8½c	do under 16 lbs. ...10c
do skinned 9c	Lard, pure, tierces ....7@7½c
Ribs, 8 to 10 lbs. ...11c	
do 10 to 12 lbs. ...10c	
do back strips ...10c	
do clears, 8 to 10 lbs. 11¼c	
do 10 to 12 lbs. 10⅝c	

CHRISTMAS GREENS.

Holly, crate. $2.50@2.75	Immortelles, doz ....$3.00@3.50
do wreaths, doz. ...$1.25@1.50	Magnolia wreaths, doz ....$1.25@1.50
Ground pine, yd. ..4@5c	Laurel wreaths, doz. ....$1.25@1.50
do wreaths, doz. ...$1.25@1.50	do yard ....4@5c
Ground moss, bbl. ....$2.00@2.25	Mistletoe, lb. ..20@25c
do crate. .$1.00@1.25	Needle pines, doz. ....$1.75@2.00
Christmas trees, bundle ..$1.00@1.25	California pepper-wood, crate. $7.00@8.00

HIDES.

No. 1 green steer, heavy 9c	Green salt or cured, No. 1 steers, over 60 lbs 11c
do light, under 60 lbs, and cows, all weights 8c	do No. 2 ....9c
No. 1 green bulls ...6c	Cows and lig't hides. 10c
	Calfskin, No. 1 ....12c

DRIED FRUIT.

Apricots, evap., bags ....10@12c	Raisins, Muscatel, 2 and 4 crown 50-lb boxes. 6@6½c
do 25-lb boxes. 10½@12½c	do Ondaria Val. ....8@8½c
Apples, bulk ...6¾@7c	do Cal. Val. ..7@7½c
do 1-lb cartons ....7½@8c	Currants, cleaned, 25 and 50-lb pkgs. ...6½@6¾c
Peaches ....7@10½c	Prunes ....3@8c
Raisins, seeded, 1-lb pkg. .7¼@7¾c	

NUTS.

Filberts ....11@12c	do fancy, lb. ...8@9c
Eng. walnuts ..12@15c	do dried Italian, lb. 7c
do dom. ....90c@$1.00	Shellbarks, bu. ....$1.50@1.75
S. S. almonds ...16½c	do new ...$1.75@2.00
Tarr. almonds 15c	Pecans 10c
Mixed ....10@11c	Peanuts, fancy roasted $1.40
Brazil ....9@11c	do choice $1.30
Italian chestn'ts. 9@10c	
do domestic choice, lb. ...5@6c	

SALT FISH.

Mackerel, No. 1 mess, bbl. ...$26.00	Mackerel, No. 2 large, bbl. ...$16.50
do half bbl. ...$11.50	do half bbls ...$8.50
do quar. bbl. ...$6.00	do quar. bbls ...$4.35
Mackerel, No. 1 plain, bbl. ...$20.00	do 20-lb pails ...$1.90
do half bbls. ...$10.50	do 10-lb pails ...$1.00
do quar. bbl. ...$6.25	do No. 2 Irish, 50-lb tubs ...$5.00
do 20-lb pails. ..$2.40	Lake herring, 100 lbs. $3.35
do 10-lb pails. .$1.75	do 50-lb $1.35
	do 10-lb 50c

HERBS.

Sage, doz. ....20@25c	Sweet marjoram, doz. ....20@25c
Summer savory, doz. ....20@25c	Lemon thyme, doz. ....20@25c

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Butter firm and ½@1c higher; extra western creamery, 28½@29c; do nearby prints, 31c. Eggs quiet and steady; nearby fresh, 30c at mark; western do 29@30c at mark. Cheese firm, good demand; New York full creams, fancy, 12¼c; do choice, 11¾@12c; do fair to good, 11@11½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 16@26c; dairies, 16@22c. Eggs easier at mark, cases included, 19@22c; firsts, 22c; prime firsts, 24c; extras, 26c. Cheese firm, 11@12c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Butter steady, unchanged. Receipts 5,944 packages. Cheese firm, unchanged. Receipts 2,690 packages. Eggs steady, unchanged. Receipts 6,486 cases.

Turpentine and Rosin.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21.—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing. Rosin firm, $2 40. Tar steady, $1 60. Crude turpentine firm, $2 30 and $3 70.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 21.—Turpentine firm, 50@50½c. Rosin firm; A, B, C, $2 50; D, $2 52½; E, $2 55; F, $2 57½; G, $2 60; H, $2 72½; I, $3 25; K, $4 00; M, $4 30; N, $4 50; WG, $4 75; WW, $5 15.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 21.—Turpentine firm, 48½c. Rosin firm; quote A, B, C, D, E, $2 45; F, $2 50; G, $2 60; H, $2 65; I, $3 10; K, $3 15; M, $4 15; N, $4 35; WG, $4 60; WW, $5 00.

PRICES OF WHEAT ARE MOVING UP A LITTLE

Domestic Receipts and Argentina Crop Damage Reports Strengthening Factors.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Small primary receipts in the United States were one of the reasons of a strong wheat market here today. Crop damage reports from Argentina also aided in the upturn. At the close May wheat was up 1½c. Corn shows a gain of ½c. Oats were up ⅛@¼c. Provisions are off 2½@5c.

The market at the opening was somewhat irregular, the May option being a shade higher to ⅛c lower at $1 10⅝ to $1 10⅜@1 10¾. For a moment offerings were slightly in excess of demand. Almost immediately, however, sentiment changed and it became difficult to get responses to bids. The result was a quick advance in prices. Liverpool advices were of a bearish tenor. Quotations on future deliveries at the time of the opening here were from ⅛d to ⅜d lower. The apparent reason for the decline was favorable news received there from Argentina, together with offerings of Argentina wheat at 3d decline. As an offset to these advices a local commission house had a cablegram from a Chicago crop expert, now in Argentina, giving a much less favorable account of that country's crop. The claim was made by this authority that with 2,000,000 more acres seeded to wheat this year, appearances indicated that the total yield would be somewhat smaller than last year's. This was one cause of the fairly active demand from commission houses and shorts that developed soon after the opening. Later in the session the market was further strengthened by a liberal decrease in primary receipts, arrivals today being onl yabout one-half as compared with those of the corresponding day a year ago. The superior strength of the December option, as evidenced by an advance of over 2 cents, gave indication of the cash wheat here being in strong hands, and also of their being still some outstanding shorts in this month's delivery. The strength of December likewise had a sympathetic effect on deferred futures and was partly responsible for the bullish tone of the late market. Shortly before the close May reached the highest point of the day, at $1 12. The market closed strong with May at $1 11¾. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 57,700 bushels. Primary receipts were 618,000 bushels, compared with 1,299,100 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 535 cars, against 570 cars last week, and 557 cars a year ago.

The corn market was strong, partly in sympathy with wheat and partly because of much smaller receipts than estimated. Reports of a lively shipping demand also strengthened speculative prices. Shorts were the best buyers. May opened ⅛c to ⅛@¼c higher at 45¼c to 45¼@45⅜c, sold up to 45⅝c and closed at the highest point. Local receipts were 345 cars, with two of contract grade.

Strength of wheat and corn was the main cause of firm oats market. Trading was exceedingly quiet, and largely of a local character. May opened unchanged at 31¼c, sold up to 31½c, and closed at 31⅜@31½c. Local receipts were 46 cars.

Provisions were a trifle easier as a result of liberal receipts of hogs. Trading was almost at a standstill. At the close May pork was off 2½c at $12 92½. Lard was a shade lower at $7 12½@7 15. Ribs were down 2½@5c at $6 75.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 32 cars; corn, 535 cars; oats, 71 cars; hogs, 34,000 head.

The leadinf futures, reported by John D. Armstrong & Co., Farmers Bank building, members of Chicago board of trade, are as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday's Close.
WHEAT No. 2					
Dec. ..	1 11	1 13⅝	1 11	1 13¼	1 10½
May ..	1 10¾	1 12	1 10⅝	1 11¾	1 10⅝
July ..	98⅝	98¾	98½	98¾	98¼
CORN No. 2					
Dec. ..	45¾	47¼	45¾	46¼	46
May ..	45⅜	45⅝	45¼	45⅝	45¼
July ..	45¾	45⅞	45⅝	45⅞	45½
OATS No. 2					
Dec. ..	29¼	29¼	29⅛	29¼	29
May ..	31⅜	31½	31¼	31½	31¼
July ..	31¼	31⅜	31¼	31⅜	31¼
MESS PORK.					
Jan. ..	12 57½	12 60	12 57½	12 57½	12 62½
May ..	12 90	12 95	12 87½	12 92½	12 95
LARD.					
Jan. ..	6 85	6 90	6 85	6 90	6 90
May ..	7 12½	7 15	7 10	7 15	7 15
SHORT RIBS.					
Jan. ..	6 45	6 47½	6 45	6 47½	6 50
May ..	6 75	6 75	6 72½	6 75	6 80

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour barely steady. No. 2 spring wheat, $1 08@1 15; No. 3, 98c@$1 12; No. 2 red, $1 13@1 16; No. 2 corn, 46¼c@47½c; No. 2 yellow, 46¼@46¾c; No. 2 oats, 30¾c; No. 2 white, 31¼@31¾c; No. 3 white, 29½@30¾c; No. 2 rye, 73c; good feeding barley, 37@38c; fair to choice malting, 41@48c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 16; No. 1 northwestern, $1 23½; prime timothy seed, $2 72½; mess pork, per bbl., $11 30@11 45; lard, per 100 lbs., $6 85; short ribs sides (loose), $6 25@6 50; dry salted shoulders sides (loose), $6 25@6 50; short clear sides (boxed), $6 62½@6 75; whisky, basis of high wines, $1 24; clover, contract grade, $12 75.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	42,600	51,500
Wheat, bu.	122,000	70,700
Corn, bu.	973,900	303,200
Oats, bu.	221,500	99,200
Rye, bu.	9,000	1,100
Barley, bu.	156,300	14,500

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Flour—Receipts, 16,477 barrels; exports, 10,899 barrels; steady but quiet. Rye flour quiet. Buckwheat flour quiet. Cornmeal steady. Barley quiet. Wheat—Receipts, 17,000 bushels spot firm; No. 2 red nominal elevator; No. 2 red, $1 18¼ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1 23⅛ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal f. o. b. afloat. A stronger tone took possession of wheat today, reflecting steadier London cables, small northwest receipts and reports of rust and frost damage in Argentina. Prices advanced 1c on covering and closed firm and ¼@½c net higher. May, $1 12 15-16@1 13 3-16; closed $1 13⅛; July, $1 02¾@1 03¼, closed $1 03; December, $1 18@1 18½; closed $1 18¼. Corn—Receipts, 93,525 bushels; exports, 39,321 bushels; spot steady; No. 2, 55½c elevator and 53¼c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 53¼c; No. 2 white, 53½c. Option market was slow again, but generally stronger with wheat, especially December, which closed 1¼c up, against ⅛c net rise on May; May, 51¼@51⅜c, closed 51⅜c; December, 54¾@56c, closed 56c. Oats—Receipts, 9,000 bushels; exports, 7,840 bushels; spot dull; mixed oats, 26 to 32 pounds, 34½@35½c; natural white, 30 to 32 pounds, 36@37c; clipped white, 36 to 40 pounds, 37¼@39½c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Wheat, No. 2 red cash elevator, $1 14½; May, $1 14⅜@1 14½; July, 96¼c; No. 2 hard, $1 11. Corn, No. 2 cash, 43c; December, 43c; May, 43⅜c. Oats, No. 2 cash, 30c; December, 30c; May, 31⅝c; No. 2 white, 32¼c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21.—Wheat, No. 1 northern, $1 13@1 15; No. 2 northern, $1 05@1 09; May, $1 11⅛@1 11⅜. Rye, No. 1, 77½c. Barley, No. 2, 52c; sample, 36@50c. Corn, No. 3, 43@43½c; May, 45⅝c asked.

DULUTH, Dec. 21.—Wheat, No. 1 northern, $1 10; No. 2 northern, $1 04; December, $1 10; May, $1 13.

TOLEDO, Dec. 21.—Cloverseed, cash, $7 95; December, $7 95; February, $8 00; March, $8 05; prime alsike, $8 05; prime timothy, $1 30.

The Bond Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—District of Columbia 3s, '65s, 120@121; Philippine 4s, 109@111. Price ranges were as follows:

	High.	Low.	Last Sale.
Japanese 6s	93½	93⅛	93⅛
American Tobacco 6s	110¼	109⅝	109⅝
Do 4s	72¼	71⅝	71⅝
Central of Georgia 1st inc.	92¼	92	92½
Do 2d inc	73⅝	73½	73⅝
C., B. & Q. joint 4s	100¼	100	100¼
C., R. I. & P. col. 4s	81	80⅜	80⅝
Colorado Midland 4s	76¼	75⅜	76
Colorado & Southern 4s	92½	91½	92¼
Consolidated Gas con. 6s	178	174	175
Consolidated Tobacco 4s	76	75	76
Distilling 5s	78⅝	78	76
St. L. & S. F. refunding 4s	89⅝	89½	89⅝
St. L. S. W. con. 4s	81	80½	81
Union Pacific con. 4s	111⅛	110¼	110¼
U. S. Red. & Ref. 6s	85	82¾	85
United States Steel s. f. 5s	92¼	91⅜	92
Wabash Deb Bs	67½	67	67¼

The Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Spot market closed quiet and 10 points lower; middling uplands, 7.60c; middling gulf, 7.85c; sales, 25 bales. The range of prices for the day was as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	7.22	7.36	7.12	7.26
February	*7.32	7.38	7.30	7.35
March	7.43	7.51	7.36	7.45
April	*7.53	7.64	7.49	7.51
May	7.55	7.62	7.40	7.56
June	*7.62	7.68	7.50	7.64
July	7.69	7.72	7.51	7.67
August	7.71	7.71	7.55	7.66
October	7.65	7.70	7.68	7.67
December	7.20	7.24	7.12	7.22

*Bid.

FINANCIAL AND TRADE NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—National bank notes received today for redemption, $1,058,904. Government receipts from internal revenue, $831,436. Customs, $709,730. Miscellaneous, $77,258. Expenditures, $1,450,000.

THE THREE RIVERS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 21.—At 6 p. m. today the Ohio river at Cincinnati was 3.9 feet and falling. There was a sudden fall of the river over Tuesday night. This fall is accounted for by the breaking of one of the gorges below the city which allowed the water to run out. The gorge above the city is still holding and confining all of the ice, and the harbor in front of the city is clear of floating ice. The packet Lizzie Bay has been taken to the Queen City marine ways for repairs due to the fight with the ice in coming from Louisville on her last trip. Clear and warmer.

WHEELING—River 18 inches and rising. Cloudy and cool.

STEUBENVILLE—River 2 feet 6 inches and stationary and frozen. Clear and cold.

POINT PLEASANT—River 11 inches and falling. Clear and cool.

GALLIPOLIS—River 1 foot 10 inches and falling. Clear and cool.

GREENSBORO—River 5 feet and falling and closed. Cloudy and warmer.

OIL CITY—River 2 feet 2 inches and stationary. Cloudy and cold.

MORGANTOWN—River 5 feet 2 inches and stationary. Clear.

WARREN—River frozen over. Cloudy and cold.

PARKERSBURG—River 1.7 and stationary. Clear and cold.

LOUISVILLE—River stationary at 2 feet 9 inches in the canal, 7 inches on the falls and 3 feet 8 inches below the locks. Clear and cool.

The stage of water at Davis Island dam at 9 o'clock last night was 1.6 feet and the river was stationary.

BREAK AT DAVIS ISLAND.

Big Drum Washed Out in Back Channel Lowers Harbor Water.

For the last two weks the rivermen have been puzzled by the queer action of the water in the local harbor. It dropped off suddenly a couple of feet in one night and since then has been alternately rising and falling. The trouble was attributed to the freezing of the streams at the head waters. It has now been learned that a drum 33 feet long and five feet high, washed out in the back channel at Davis Island about 10 days or two weeks ago. The water is running out at this big opening as through a mill race, and it will be a week or two before it can be repaired. In the meantime the water in the harbor will be lower than is comfortable for the rivermen.

All the boats on the river are now having heavier buckets put on their wheels in order to combat successfully with the ice when navigation opens.

All passenger steamers in the Tenth district, the lower Mississippi, have been ordered to have weekly fire drills for their crews. Failure to comply with this order will mean a revocation of their license. The drills are to be established at once and every man employed on a boat is to be taught his duty in case of fire or danger to the vessel.

Pig Iron Certificates Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—There was moderate activity in the market for pig iron certificates early in the session, and temporarily the feeling was slightly firmer, but afterward part of the improvement was lost. Morning call:

	Bid.	Asked.	Sales in tons.
Cash	17.00	.....	.....
December	17.00	17.25	.....
January	17.15	17.20	.....
February	17.15	17.25	100 at 17.15
March	17.10	17.25	.....
April	17.00	17.25	.....
May	17.05	17.15	.....
June	16.95	17.05	100 at 17.00
July	16.95	17.05	.....

Sales off call: 100 January at 17.15, 100 May at 17.00.

Late in the session the market was inactive without important change. Afternoon call:

	Bid.	Asked.
Cash	17.00	.....
December	17.00	.....
January	17.10	17.15
February	17.05	17.15
March	17.00	17.10
April	17.00	17.25
May	16.90	17.05
June	16.90	17.10
July	16.90	.....

Sales in tons: 200 January at 17.10, 100 January at 17.15.

Injuries Proved Fatal.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Dr. B. J. C. Armstrong, who was struck and fatally injured by a Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad train at Dillonvale, died today. He was born 50 years ago in the British West Indies. He served as president of the Steubenville council one year. His ancestors were among the English nobility.

IMPORTANT TEST COMING IN IN THE MANNINGTON DISTRICT

In the 30-foot development west of Mannington, Marion county, the South Penn Oil Company has drilled its No. 2 on the J. L. Beatty farm into the first pay in the 30-foot and the hole has filled up 1,500 feet with fluid. It is still drilling and expects a second pay. This is an important test to the southwest of developments. On the west side of the same development the Delmar Oil Company has given its Nos. 2 and 5 on the J. L. and J. Hays farm each a dose of the high explosive fluid and the two are flowing at the rate of 20 barrels an hour. In the same district Trees & Benedum's Nos. 1 and 2 on the J. L. Holden farm are producing 550 barrels a day. In the Fairview district the South Penn's No. 1 on the A. Conway farm is holding up at 180 barrels a day. This is quite a remarkable producer. It is now more than a month old.

Near Sedalia, Doddridge county, the Hope Natural Gas Company has now drilled its test on the Reason Swiger farm through the Gordon and has a good gasser. On Kinchlow creek, Lewis county, T. N. Barnsdall & Co. have given their test on the P. Cross farm a shot in the Big Lime, but failed to improve the showing. It will not make better than a light pumper. Near Alum, in Freemans Creek district, in the same county, the Hope Gas company has drilled its test on the Beach-Arnold farm through the fifth sand and has a light gasser. In the Littleton district, Wetzel county, the South Penn has drilled its No. 3 on the S. H. Shriver farm through the Gordon and 11 feet below and found nothing but a light show of oil and a little gas. The same company's No. 7 on the S. Newman farm is drilling in the Gordon and has found no oil or gas.

In the Pine Grove extension, Wetzel county, the Criswell Oil company has drilled its No. 3 on the F. M. and W. S. Jackson farm into the stray sand and has developed no oil or gas. It still has a chance for a pay. No. 2 on the same farm is holding up at 100 barrels a day. In the same district the South Penn has drilled its No. 8 on the J. R. Pitman farm through the stray, but has a show for a 20-barrel producer.

In the Smithfield district the South Penn has drilled its second test on the S. J. Kilcoyne farm through the fourth sand and found nothing but a little gas. The same company has drilled its test on the Hartman-Gallagher farm 100 feet into the Big Injun and has no show for a paying producer. At a depath of 101 feet in the Big Injun a little show of oil was encountered. In the same district the Southern Oil Company & Greenlee have drilled their No. 2 on the S. P. McDougal farm through the Gordon and found nothing in this or the upper sands. In the Sale mdistrict, Harrison county, the South Penn has drilled its No. 2 on the D. M. Griffin farm through the Gordon and found a light show of oil. Unless a shot helps it will not make a paying well. The same company's No. 3 on the Andrew Spindle farm has been completed through the Gordon and has a little oil in the hole.

On McFarlan creek, in Clay district, Ritchie county, R. G. Gillespie has completed his No. 17 on the M. D. Cowan farm and has a show for a 10-barrel pumper in the salt sand.

In the Yellow Creek district, Calhoun county, the Ann Oil Company has drilled down its test on the John Gardner farm and met with very gratifying results. This was formerly a producer in the Maxon sand, but had got down to a very light producer when they decided to drill it to the Berea grit. When drilled into the lower sand it began to show oil and produced 120 barrels the first 24 hours. In the same district, the same company's No. 1 on the D. Matthews farm is holding up at 100 barrels a day. The South Penn's No. 2 on the Holliday-Camden farm is producing 60 barrels a day from the Maxon sand. The South Penn's Nos. 3 and 6 on the H. I. Jackson farm are holding up at 105 and 175 barrels, respectively.

Operators on the Ohio side are completing very few wells now and none of any particular importance. Near Jerusalem, Monroe county, W. F. Borchers & Co. have drilled their test on the Samuel Stonbreaker farm through the Berea grit and found that formation barren. When the Big Lime was drilled through a small showing of oil was developed and they are now testing it from that level.

The Oil Market.

The Standard quotes credit balances in the several fields as follows: Pennsylvania, $1 65; Second Sand, $1 45; Tiona, $1 70; Corning, $1 22; New Castle, $1 47; Cabell, $1 30; North Lima, $1 04; South Lima, 99c; Indiana, 99c; Somerset, 96c; Ragland, 60c. The Producers and Refiners Oil Company quotes Pennsylvania crude at $1 55.

TOLEDO, Dec. 21.—Oil, North Lima, $1 04; South Lima and Indiana, 99c.

OIL CITY, PA., Dec. 21.—Credit balances, $155; certificates, no bid. Shipments, Pennsylvania oil, 63,860 bbls; average, 70,665 bbls; runs, 79,494 bbls; average, 66,830 bbls; shipments, Lima oil, 38,653 bbls; average, 56,423 bbls; runs, 68,463 bbls; average, 56,740 bbls.

Shipments and Runs.

Shipments and runs of the Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana fields:

PENNSYLVANIA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 20..	63,860	December 19..	79,493
Previously	1,449,457	Previously	1,190,265
Total	1,513,317	Total	1,269,758
Daily avg.	75,665	Daily avg.	66,461

LIMA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 20..	38,653	December 19..	68,463
Previously	1,089,809	Previously	1,009,590
Total	1,128,462	Total	1,178,053
Daily avg.	56,423	Daily avg.	62,006

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STATE EXTENDED AID TO PRISONERS

Two Men Charged With Murder Set at Liberty on Mr. Robb's Motion.

STARKEYS ARE INDICTED

Assistant District Attorney Robb yesterday established a record in criminal court and one that attorneys say is not only a precedent for future district attorneys to follow, but one which will have a wholesome effect on criminal jurisprudence in the county and state. Finding the state was not in a position to find verdicts against two men charged with murder, the assistant district attorney gave them his assistance and refused to take up the court's time in what he said should be useless trials. He asked the court to release and discharge Daniel E. McCarthy, charged with killing his wife, and Emanuel Mosti, an Italian, charged with the murder of his brother. This was done in both cases.

McCarthy was placed on trial for the murder of his wife, Nellie. Before the commonwealth had finished its side of the case Mr. Robb asked the court to instruct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. He explained that the state had not shown that the defendant was guilty of the crime and that he should be acquitted. The court then gave the jury their instructions and without leaving the box the desired verdict was returned. McCarthy was immediately discharged and left after an affectionate meeting with his relatives and friends. The prisoner was defended by Attorney John Marron.

McCarthy was alleged to have kicked his wife at their home in South avenue, Allegheny, on June 21 last, causing injuries from which she died three days later at the Allegheny General hospital.

Said Her Stepmother Drank.

Dr. Walter C. McCandless, who held an autopsy on Mrs. McCarthy, said there were discolorations on the woman's abdomen, but he could not say they were caused by injuries from the outside. Other witnesses, neighbors of the defendant, said that there were frequent quarrels between the couple. The woman was a drinker, it was said, and this was the cause of the quarrels.

Mary McCue, the little stepdaughter of the prisoner, on the stand said that her mother drank and while in this condition became violent. When she did so, the girl said, her father threw her down and held her until she would get over the spells. Mrs. McCarthy was in a critical condition at the time and this and the drink is said to have caused her death. When the little girl left the stand Attorney Robb asked for an acquittal.

Before Judge Marshall Brown Emanuel Mosti was released on his own recognizance. On September 19 Louis Mosti was shot in his store at Mine No. 3, in Castle Shannon, and died five days later at the Homeopathic hospital. The brother was held for the killing. Mr. Robb explained that it was no use for the commonwealth to take up the court's time trying the case, as there was not enough evidence to convict the defendant. The court then made the order and the prisoner was set at liberty.

Admitted He Embezzled.

Ira H. Copeland pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement and was sent to the workhouse for one year. The charge was made by F. M. Hays, representing the Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company. Copeland was formerly employed by the railroad as ticket agent at Woodville, and while working in this capacity embezzled $752.98 of the company's funds.

Albert and George Forney pleaded guilty to running a gambling house in Southern avenue, Knoxville. On the payment of the costs sentence was suspended.

Maud J. Walker of Palmyra, Ill., committee of the estate of her husband, who is insane, filed a bill in equity against Newton Walker and other heirs of Gabriel Walker, asking for a partition of a piece of land in North Fayette township.

Common pleas court No. 2 granted a writ of habeas corpus on the petition of Rose Blake in behalf of her husband, William Blake, who was sentenced to six months in the workhouse. Blake was sentenced on November 20, on a charge of disorderly conduct.

True bills charging perjury were returned by the grand jury against N. C. and H. W. Starkey, formerly detectives of the Sabbath Observance association. The charge was made by Frank Bondi, who claims the men swore falsely before Alderman J. D. Walker regarding the purchase of goods in his store on Sunday.

True Bill Against Gelardi.

A true bill charging murder was returned against James Gerlardi, although he has never been arrested. He is alleged to have shot Pasquale Rochetts of Dahlen street at a house at 304 Boggs avenue, Mt. Washington, on October 30, last. The wounded man died in the South Side hospital on November 3. He was 23 years old and married.

The remainder of the true bills were as follows: Felonious assault and battery, Andy Kalos, John Cicco; aggravated assault and battery, John Brooks, Frank Gewlic, James Fullerton; assault and battery, Mike Glasnic, John Boncek; horse stealing, Charles Elliott (4); larceny, R. S. Watters, Andy Jones, James Kelly, Fred Kress (3), Steve Hengartner, Walter Lee, Benjamin Morgan, Adam Gidosh, Walter Hicks, Frank Bodemer, Frank Johnson, Fred Kress; receiving stolen goods, Benjamin Schiff; embezzlement, J. D. Sheet, R. W. Reynolds; misdemeanor, Julius Sherman, James D. Bennett, Theresa Sczazncinski, Charles S. Richard.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed by James G. Connell, a physician of the East End. He gives his debts as $39,887.51, and his assets as $2,200. The largest creditor was the East End Savings and Trust Company, who held a note for $4,000. The rest of the creditors, who are numerous, hold notes and are owed smaller amounts.

Filed Involuntary Petition.

An involuntary petition was filed against the Pittsburgh Engineering and Foundry Company of Grelahton. The petitioners are T. M. Leman of Hite, Pa., James Kier of Tarentum and the Columbia Driller Manufacturing Company of Pittsburgh. The claims presented amount to $1,302.90.

Common pleas court No. 2 confirmed nisi the report of the master appointed to make a partition of property at Ninth street and Penn avenue in the equity suit brought by Harry Davis against John Kearns. The master, John W. Thomas, said that he could not divide the property without injuring its value, so appraised it at $86,000. Davis agreed to take the property at that valuation, subject to a mortgage indebtedness of $70,000. As he had paid $15,000 on account of the mortgage there was a balance due Kearns of $500.

Emma V. Houfroy, late of Allegheny, by her will provides that if any of her children contest the will they lose their share of the estate. To her daughter she leaves $4,000, her furniture and household effects; her son Joseph receives a similar amount and property at Sheraden; Louisa, another daughter, receives $1,100 and the balance of the estate goes to Adel.

Executions issued: Rose C. Kerr vs. William A. Kerr, $180; Conewago Building and Loan Association vs. Calvin Beck, $585.72; George Gelder vs. James F. Donohue, $580.38; same vs. same, $348.77.

OVER A YEAR BEHIND.

Gazette Scooped by Morning Contemporary on B. F. Jones' Estate, Printed in This Paper October 9, 1903.

The Gazette published all the salient facts concerning the inventory and appraisement of the estate of the late B. F. Jones in its issue of October 9, 1903, under the caption "B. F. Jones' Estate," showing that the ironmaster's property at that time was appraised at $17,236,663.63, with cash in Allegheny county banks aggregating $243,499.84, and notes of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company amounting to $300,000, also money due from heirs, $50,719.82, and that Mr. Jones held stocks amounting to $14,870,615, the amount of stock held in the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company being 101,400 shares, the whole valued at $11,618,412, notwithstanding this, a morning newspaper, evidently believing this of news value more than 14 months after it was filed and placed on record, reprinted a long, tedious story, leading its paper with alleged news, the gist of which had been given the readers of The Gazette over one year before.

The same paper will also print a story today of the first and final account of this same estate filed by the executors, George W. Laughlin, Willis L. King and B. J. Jones, Jr., in June 28, of this year, and the gist of which was afterward published, showing that the provisions of the will, which gave almost the entire estate to Mr. Jones' five children, had been carried out, each child, Mary McM. Jones, Mary F. Laughlin, Elizabeth M. Horne, Alice Jones Willock and B. F. Jones, Jr., had received the total income from the estate, less the expenses and indebtedness, amounting to $130,923.85 each, and an equal proportion of the corpus which went to the trustees in trust for each of them and amounting to $3,897,049.27, together with an annuity of $20,000 in trust for Mrs. Caroline Donaldson. The executors are the trustees. This account was made rather significant and caused some comment at the time, because when other estates were increasing greatly through manipulation in the stock market, this estate did not vary from the appraisement when the account was filed, because the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company did not go into a combination and the stock was valued at the same figure as the appraised value of a year before. Its only increase was shown in the earnings of the stocks and bonds of various corporations and financial institutions, which, added to the appraised value, made the accountants charge themselves with $18,340,461.68, which, after paying the running expenses and debts owed by the estate, gave a gross balance for distribution of $18,006,536.56, showing that the annual earnings of the estate was $1,103,799.02, of which the disbursements for expenses during the year the executors had charge of the estate reached $333,925.12. There

were 25 pages of tedious routine business accounts, the only interesting one being the dividend received by Mr. Jones from his steel stock, which was $101,400 quarterly, or over $1,000 a day during this period.

LAWYERS GET JUDGMENT.

Court Orders That Annual Income of Laura Biggar Bennett Be Paid to Attorneys.

Judges Kennedy and McClung decided that the $2,000 belonging to Laura Biggar Bennett, in the hands of P. J. McNulty and B. M. Gulick, was subject to the attachments of Attorneys Johnston and McDermott, the New Jersey lawyers, and a verdict was given in their favor.

Attorney J. S. Ferguson, who appeared for Gulick and McNulty, was the only witness called, and testified that he was familiar with all the facts in the case and produced an agreement between McNulty and Gulick and Mrs. Bennett made after the litigation over the Bennett estate. Certain bequests were made to Mrs. Bennett by the Bennett will, and the agreement was made in pursuance of these, whereby she will receive, if she lives till April 1, 1907, the total of $240,000. Should she die the money is to be distributed according to the will.

Under this agreement Mr. Ferguson explained that beginning January 1, 1903, Mrs. Bennett was to receive $1,000 semi-annually for a term of years and at the time the attachments were issued there was $2,000 in the hands of McNulty and Gulick, subject to the judgments of McDermott and Johnston.

Attorney Patterson insisted that he should have judgment against the garnishees for the full amount of his client's claim, $1,500 each. Judge McClung ruled that the only money subjected to the attachments was that in the condition of the agreement, and under this decision the verdict was taken.

Mrs. Bennett, if she lives, will get the fortune, which comes to her in almost one sum, $200,000, being payable at one time and $25,000 at another, and $15,000 at still another. The entire agreement between the parties was not read, only such information as applied to the case being given. Mr. Ferguson would not state at the conclusion of the case whether he would appeal or not, but earlier in the day he stated that he would surely do so.

Mrs. Bennett was in the court room, but took no part in the proceedings. She said the verdict did not concern her as far as her future action was concerned.

BILLS WERE IGNORED.

Grand Jury Refuses to Indict Allegheny Officials on a Charge of Conspiracy.

The grand jury yesterday ignored a bill charging conspiracy against Thomas H. Scandrett, director of the department of public safety of Allegheny; Melvin H. Campbell, superintendent of police, and Capt. James Wilson. The charge was made by County Detective Robinson in connection with the graft investigation in Allegheny. In the same connection a true bill was returned against Policeman Joseph A. Dean on a charge of perjury. The information was made by Sue Williams, who claims Dean testified falsely against her in quarter sessions court while she was being given a hearing in the matter of her appeal from a magistrate's decision. The alleged false statements made by Dean are said to have been his testimony, that there was disorder in her house when she was arrested.

Attorney John Marron, who is assisting the district attorney in the investigation into the graft cases, was rather surprised last night when he heard the grand jury had failed to indict the director and superintendent, but he said the jury knew its business; had been very fair in everything, and while he deplored the fact that the jury did not see the matter in the same light as the district attorney and his assistants, he had no criticism of any kind to pass upon their action, as it was one of the best grand juries got together in this county for many months.

Mr. Marron said he would not know what move would be taken in the matter until after he had consulted with the district attorney and Mr. Haymaker, who is ill at present. However, he said it was possible they would request the grand jury to reconsider its action and go over the testimony again, with the court's consent.

K. OF P. ENTERTAINMENT.

Pittsburgh Lodge No. 50 Extends Hospitality Tonight to Friends and Ladies.

The social committee of Pittsburgh lodge No. 50, Knights of Pythias, have completed arrangements for the complimentary social entertainment to be given by their lodge this evening at the castle hall, No. 314 Fifth avenue. The affair promises to be one of exceptional merit and enjoyment. The program is made up of a number of selections rendered by persons who are adepts in their respective lines. As all former affairs given by the lodge have been received with such popular favor, the committee feels sure that this one will equal any heretofore given. All members of the order, their friends and their ladies, have been extended an invitation to be present. The program is made up as follows: R. Albert, bass solo; Morse Brothers, instrumentalists; the Four Mosses: Mabel, Mercius, Lillian and Vera; Fay Hough, buck and wing; Francis Charles, German character songs; Lillian Haler, buck dance; Helen Jones, vocalist, highland fling and buck dancer; H. Walker, baritone solo; C. E. Rodway, solo pianist; Earl Lindsay, quick change artist; Margaret Crawford Smith, soloist and dancer; Agnes Anna Wolliscroft, color bearer; Katherine MacDonald, dancer in "Mr. Wilson."

The chancellor commander of the lodge, Kenneth Murdoch, will act as master of ceremonies in opening the entertainment, after which the program will be turned over to the entertainment committee, which is composed of the following members: C. C. Crawford, chairman; R. O. Blackburn, W. L. Cornell, F. A. Eldridge, J. J. McKelvey.

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R. C. HALL GOES AFTER RAILROAD

He Wants Pennsylvania Company Restrained from Using a Switch.

PRELIMINARY ORDER REFUSED

Robert C. Hall, the broker, is now going after the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in court to stop the use of a switch on Liberty avenue and Third street, which he alleges is operating against property owned by him. Mr. Hall filed a bill in equity setting forth that he owns property at 315 and 317 Liberty avenue and 53 Third street. The railroad company has a switch from Liberty avenue into private property near Third street, the track crossing the sidewalk of Hall's property, and are using it against his protests.

On September 2, 1899, the city by ordinance gave the company the right to lay a track along Third street from Liberty avenue to the exposition, to be operated during the continuance of the exposition. The bill alleges that in violation of this ordinance the company uses the tracks daily. It also alleges that under section 6 of the city code the company has the right to run trains along Liberty avenue between 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. This, the bill avers, has been violated and the charge is made that Liberty avenue and Third street are used as yards for long periods, blockading the streets. The bill also states that cars are loaded and unloaded in front of Hall's property. The daily use of these tracks is declared to be in defiance of the provisions of the law, the cause of serious damage to property owners, a nuisance to the neighborhood, an outrage upon the rights of all citizens and a menace to life and limb of people who use the thoroughfares.

The city officials are accused of supinely permitting the company to constantly violate the plain provisions of the laws until the company has come to such a point as to badly abuse its privilege in a manner that is practically confiscation of the private property rights of citizens.

Attorney William Kaufman, acting for Hall, asked Judge John D. Shafer to grant a preliminary injunction. In response to a question Mr. Kaufman said the track had been in use for two years. Judge Shafer asked why a preliminary injunction was asked for at this late day and wanted the irreparable damage that might be due specified. Mr. Kaufman answered that the trespass was of daily occurrence. The company sometime ago had promised to cease using the track. His client was disposed to give it a chance to comply, but it had not done so.

Judge Shafer could not see the necessity for a preliminary injunction. Mr. Kaufman cited the ordinance about the use of Liberty avenue and was told an ordinance could not be enforced through a suit in equity. Mr. Kaufman replied that Mr. Hall's property rights should be protected since the city officials, whose duty it was to enforce the ordinance, refused to do so. He also referred to the Third street ordinance and the limitation in regard to the exposition. Judge Shafer adhered to his position that a preliminary injunction was not necessary, but said that in refusing it he did so without prejudice to the right of Hall to renew his motion if the answer of the company is not filed in time to get the case on the next equity list. Thomas Patterson, the attorney for the company, who was present, assured the court the answer would be filed at an early date.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS.

The Holiday Week Will Find a Variety of Interesting Amusement in the Local Theaters.

Mr. Richard Mansfield's splendid repertoire at the Nixon next week is attracting widespread attention. For the opening performance (Christmas afternoon) Mr. Mansfield has selected "Beau Brummel." This will be repeated on Tuesday night; on Christmas night Mr. Mansfield will give for the first time here "Ivan, the Terrible," in the role of Tzar Ivan; on Wednesday evening and at the Saturday matinee "The Merchant of Venice" will be the bill; Thursday evening, "A Parisian Romance;" Friday evening, "King Richard III.," and Saturday evening "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Monday will mark an extraordinary event in the history of the Harry Davis stock company, when the New Alvin will be the scene of the handsomest spectacular production of "Around the World in Eighty Days." The piece has not been seen in Pittsburgh in several years, but it is recalled as one of the best spectacles ever given here. More than 150 people will take part on the stage, including the Kiralfy ballet, a troup of Arab acrobats, the pony ballet from the Empire theater, London, and numerous other singing and dancing specialties, together with a great novelty in the appearance of a herd of wonderfully trained elephants and camels.

William A. Brady's big musical comedy company will present "Girls Will Be Girls" at the Gayety theater Christmas week, opening with a Christmas day matinee. "Girls Will Be Girls" is a novel musical comedy, containing many original ideas, a consistently funny story and a group of characters new to the stage. There is said to be over 20 catchy musical numbers and a large and attractive male and female chorus. The well-known eccentric comedian, Mr. Al Leech, has made a great hit as Prof. Ebenezer Dodge.

In "For His Brother's Crime," the latest melodrama which is at the Bijou theater next week, 10 complete sets of scenery are used. The story is one of vital interest and has as the hero a modern Hercules. This character is portrayed by Montgomery Irving, who is known as "The Perfect Man." In addition to his work in the play, he will perform several wonderful feats.

"On the Suwanee River" will be the attraction at the Empire theater next week, opening with a Christmas matinee Monday. It is essentially a drama with just enough good wholesome comedy sprinkled here and there to balance the play and make it perfect. The characters are the real old-fashioned southern ones, each occupying distinct positions in this four-act romance, and collectively creating an interesting story.

Manager Gulick is fortunate in securing for the Duquesne theater as the Christmas offering those ever-popular comedians, Ward and Vokes. They will be seen next week, beginning with an extra Christmas matinee, Monday afternoon, in a rejuvenated issue of "A Pair of Pinks." The music is bright, the specialties all new and the ensemble better than ever.

Henry E. Dixey, the popular comedian, will be the headliner at the Grand Opera house next week. The famous impersonator of "Adonis" and other Stellar roles will present "David Garrick on the Art of Acting." Elfie Fay will also be in the bill. She is a clever comedienne. There are 15 big acts in all.

The management of the Academy begs to announce the appearance next Monday of the Reilly and Woods' big company for their twenty-first annual appearance at this popular theater. This company is one of the oldest burlesque companies now before the public, and they promise to eclipse all other seasons with their show.

But four more performances of Anna Eva Fay, the "Searcher of Secrets," remains before the "fair Mahatma" closes her Pittsburgh engagement at the Avenue theater. Now in her fifth week, the little woman of mysteries is drawing larger crowds than ever, and her mind reading and answers to the most intricate questions are becoming more and more talked of.

UNCLE SAM HAS SOME GOOD POSITIONS TO DISBURSE

The United States Civil Service commission will hold additional examinations in the Federal building on January 18 and 19. Positions to be filled are: Assistant to chief inspector in quartermaster's department-at-large at Schuylkill arsenal, Philadelphia, salary, $1,500; inspector of mechanical and electrical engineering in office of supervising architect, treasury building, salary $2,190; hardener of steel plates in bureau of engraving and printing, salary $1,000; mechanic capable of repairing farm machinery at Yakima Indian agency, Washington, salary $1,000; six harness makers, salaries, one at $500 and the others at $600; laboratory apprentice, salary $480.

PIGEON PROBABLY FLEW FROM CALIFORNIA TO NEW YORK

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 21.—An exhausted carrier pigeon, which had on its leg a tag inscribed "A. C. H. 296" has been found at Dolgeville, Hekemer county. Adolph C. Harn, a pigeon fancier lived in Dolgeville until a year ago when he went to the New Dolgeville in southern California taking his pigeons with him. It is supposed that the bird is one of his flock which returned to its old home.

HAY MEMORIAL CHAPEL DESTROYED BY FIRE

SIMSBURY, CONN., Dec. 21.—The Hay memorial chapel, given to Westminster school by Secretary Hay in memory of his son Adelbert S. Hay, was burned today. The loss, estimated at $12,500 is only partly covered by insurance. The chapel was built and dedicated in 1902.

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[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Chairman T. E. Burton, of the rivers and harbors committee, has been suffering from an attack of rheumatism and he is taking advantage of the holiday adjournment to secure a treatment at Hot Springs, Va. He left last evening for the springs and thereby escaped being chased out of his bed in the early morning hours by fire. Just before dawn this morning the Metropolitan club was almost destroyed by fire and Mr. Burton's quarters in the house adjoining were somewhat damaged by water. The occupants were obliged to make a hurried exit.

Discussion of the chairmanship of the committee on appropriations continues to connect Mr. Burton's name prominently with the place. It is generally believed that he is the most likely member to be selected for this important assignment, although Speaker Cannon has not yet made any public announcement of his intention.

Representatives John Dalzell of Pennsylvania and James A. Tawney of Minnesota are also mentioned as possibilities. Mr. Dalzell when asked his views on the subject declined to discuss the matter. It is not believed that he would sacrifice his place as ranking member of the committee on ways and means for any chairmanship.

L. W. STRAYER.

BRIDGE IN ELLSWORTH AVENUE TO BE REBUILT

City Will Spend $60,000 on Structure. Used by Street Car Lines to East End.

Director Bigelow will ask councils for an appropriation of $60,000 to rebuild the Ellsworth avenue bridge over the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, in the Twentieth ward. The Pittsburgh Railways Company has two tracks on this bridge, which is traversed by the principal lines to the East End, and the bridge is reported by traction company to be in a dilapidated condition and hardly safe for street car traffic. Therefore, it is to be rebuilt and the city will bear the expense.

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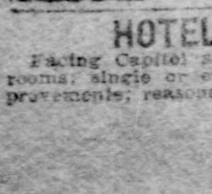

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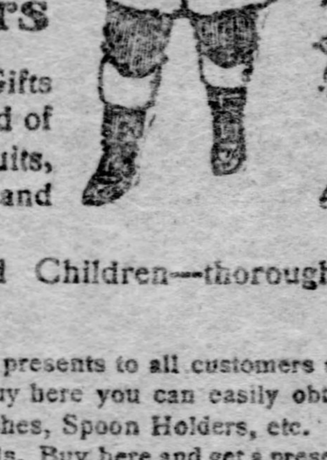

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